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LAVAL NO LONGER MEMBER OF VICHY GOVERNMENT: NOW UNDER ARREST: FLANDIN IS APPOINTED NEW FOREIGN MINISTER

Changeover Probably Made At Instigation Of Germany

REPORTS FROM SWITZERLAND, QUOTED IN A LONDON MESSAGE, STATE THAT M. PIERRE LAVAL, VICE-PREMIER AND FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE VICHY GOVERNMENT, HAS BEEN ARRESTED BY THE FRENCH POLICE. THE REPORTS ADDED THAT M. LAVAL'S HOUSE HAD BEEN TAKEN OVER BY THE POLICE AND THAT HIS PAPERS HAD BEEN SEARCHED.

Marshal Petain announced yesterday that he had sent a message to Herr Hitler informing him of the removal of M. Laval and the abolition of the office of Vice-Premier and that M. Flandin may be more apt than his predecessor to promote Franco-German rapprochement.

It is considered in London that this announcement by Marshal Petain must be considered as a mere formality, because it is clear that the changeover was approved, if not instigated, by the Nazis.

NO TEARS ARE BEING SHED ABOUT LAVAL'S DEPARTURE: GOOD RIDDANCE

"While we are all inspired by the news of the relentless advance of the British Imperial forces in the Western Desert and the continued pressure of the Greeks on the Italians in Albania, there has been another sensation by Marshal Petain, who announced yesterday, with great solemnity, that he has got rid of M. Laval," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, news commentator, in a talk from London yesterday.

"We are shedding no tears about M. Laval's departure and we are certain no others will, certainly not in France or America, who, like us will say, good riddance."

"What Herr Hitler is saying, and thinking about it, goodness only knows, but as far as we are concerned it can be summed up by saying that any change from the anti-British Laval will be a change for the better—it cannot be worse."

After referring to the brilliant achievement of the British forces in the Western Desert and the consistent Greek successes against the Italians in the fighting in Albania, Mr. Lakin said: "In Signor Mussolini's present mess, his friend at the other end of the Axis seems to be doing nothing to help him."

"The trouble may be that Herr Hitler cannot do anything to help. It is true that he can attack our shipping, but he knows very well that this cannot be decisive. So perhaps, Herr Hitler feels that he is in a bit of a predicament too."

"He is now probably going to have another shot at France. But if he thinks that M. Flandin is going to help him more than M. Laval did I think he is backing the wrong horse. M. Flandin will not be able to persuade the French to do more to help Germany than M. Laval did, particularly now when the Free French forces are playing an important part in our victory in the Western Desert. This has had a marked effect on the French and there is no doubt now about the revival of public opinion amongst the French people."



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"M. Laval made himself oddious to all Frenchmen and reports now speak of his having been arrested on the eve of his departure for a conference with Herr Hitler."

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A German broadcast states that M. Flandin was among those who remained silent because he knew the truth and added that M. Flandin was one of those who had sent Herr Hitler a telegram of congratulations after the signing of the Munich agreement.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—M. Flandin, six-foot ex-premier of France, "who startled the world after the Munich Pact when he sent a telegram of congratulations to Hitler, has replaced M. Laval as Foreign Minister in the Vichy Government."

The new Foreign Minister speaks English fluently and had, in the past, many English friends whom he used to join for grouse shooting nearly every year.

SATISFACTION IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—M. Laval's dismissal has caused nothing but satisfaction in the capital for all doubtful elements connected with the Vichy regime he has been regretted in the United States as most inimical to the best interests of the French.

M. Laval has long been regarded here as a dangerous intriguer who was willing to go the whole hog with Herr Hitler against his old ally partly because of his Nazi leanings, and partly owing to his pronounced anti-British sentiment.

SERIOUS DISSENSIONS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The replacement of M. Laval by M. Flandin does not necessarily mean any change in the political orientation of the French Government although it does show that serious dissensions have now come to the surface.

The fact that Marshal Petain has now dismissed Laval both as Vice-Premier and as his personal successor suggests that the leader has had his trust in Laval completely shattered.

M. Laval has been losing ground steadily in French public opinion.

BROADCAST BY PETAIN

Internal Policy Principle

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—"M. Pierre Laval is no longer a member of the Government," Marshal Petain announced in a message broadcast last night by the Lyons Radio.

Marshal Petain prefixed his announcement with the words: "Frenchmen, I have just taken a decision which I trust is in the interests of the country," and added that M. Flandin has taken the portfolio and Foreign Affairs. The act which nominated M. Laval as Marshal Petain's successor is cancelled, Marshal Petain said.

"It is for the high principle on internal policy that I have taken this decision. It has no repercussions at all on our relations with Germany. I remain at the helm—national revolution continues."

The message was in the Marshal's own voice, no doubt in recording, and the "Marshallaise" was played at the end.

DICTATOR OF DUTCH WIRELESS

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—M. DUBOIS, National Socialist, has been appointed dictator of all Dutch wireless stations, according to Dutch circles here.

The change will make little difference to news and speeches broadcast, which the Germans dictated since the invasion, but Dutch organisations, sometimes have been able to express their feelings towards the German invaders by music and other means.

GREEKS TAKE IMPORTANT HEIGHTS: MORE PRISONERS ARE CAPTURED

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Greek offensive activity continues successfully and important heights have been occupied, according to last night's communique issued by the Greek Headquarters.

The communique also records that numerous prisoners were taken and more than 60 automatic weapons, mortars, etc., fell into Greek hands.

Fighting in the region of the important Adriatic port of Chimarra is announced in reports from foreign correspondents at the front, according to the Athens radio.

COMPLETE FAILURE

The Greeks are continuing their advance in this sector with the aid of tanks recently captured from the Italians. All efforts of the Italians to stem the Greek advance and prevent the capture of new important positions, failed completely.

Particularly heavy fighting took place for new heights near Fogradets. These were captured by the Greeks and the Italians fell back suffering heavy losses.

The Japanese Police Station are awaiting a claimant for an imitation pearl necklace found on the person of a Chinese arrested in Hankow Road yesterday.

BRITISH ARTILLERY ARE SHELLING HELL FIRE PASS: AIR ACTIVITY INCREASED IN VIOLENCE: ITALIANS PRESSED BACK OVER EGYPTIAN FRONTIER

BRITISH ARTILLERY UNITS ARE CONTINUING TO SHELL HELL FIRE PASS, the name given to the precipitous stretch of road which runs up to the beach from Sollum and which the Italians have got to pass to get back to Libya, stated a message from London.

An official announcement from London stated: "British forces are pressing back the enemy over the Egyptian frontier and have penetrated into Italian territory."

This confirms the previous report that the retreating Italian troops have been under continuous artillery fire, while British aircraft attacked them from the air.

It was reported that already considerable numbers of Italians had arrived at Bardia, where it was expected that they would try to put up a stiff resistance and stop the rot.

The London announcement now confirms that these counter-attacks which the Italians attempted have failed and it may be assumed that the British forces got the better of this fighting as they have driven the enemy back to his own territory.

VAIN ATTEMPTS

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Desperate fighting is proceeding between British advanced units and Blackshirts who are endeavouring to consolidate their positions and making vain attempts to counter-attack.

Air activity on both sides increased in violence and bombing and machine-gunning continued throughout the day.

Behind the British advanced positions the British Army is dealing with masses of captured material and prisoners who are now estimated to number about 30,000.

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Enemy Air Activity On Small Scale

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Enemy activity over Britain during daylight yesterday was again on a small scale, states a joint communique issued by the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Home Security.

A single enemy aircraft dropped a number of bombs late in the afternoon at a place in the West Midlands. Shops and houses were damaged and a small number of people killed and others injured.

Other bombs fell near a farm in the Home Counties, but did little damage and no one was hurt. Hitherto, there has only been a short night alert in London and the situation after that has been quiet.

NO BRITISH PLANES LOST IN WEEK

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—No British aircraft were lost over and around the coasts of Great Britain during the week ending Dec. 14. The Germans lost 12 planes in the same period.

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KING'S MESSAGE TO WAVELL

"Empire Will Be Proud"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—His Majesty the King sent the following message of congratulations on the British "victory" in the Western Desert to Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, C-in-C. of the Middle East.

"Please convey to all ranks of the force under your command my heartiest congratulations on the victory in the Western Desert."

"The skill in planning this complicated operation—for which the greatest credit is due to yourself and to the commanders and staff of all the three Services—was equalled by the efficiency and dash of the troops in carrying it out."

"The whole Empire will, I am sure, be proud that contingents from the Dominions and India, as well as those of our Free French allies, played a distinguished part in this supremely successful encounter with an enemy vitally superior in number."

Menzies Gives Lie To Nazi Propaganda

MR. R. G. MENZIES, Prime Minister of Australia, gave the lie direct to a recent German broadcast which stated that he was going to London to voice dissatisfaction with British policy, says a London message.

This is typical of German propaganda and the answer to it was given in the Australian Parliament when all Parties approved of the country's war budget, of £270,000,000.

Mr. Menzies said: "Herr Hitler can be assured that Australia is indissolubly bound up with Britain in this struggle."

Lt. G. On Long War

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—"It is useless to talk about a long war unless more food is got out of the soil of this country," declared MR. LLOYD GEORGE in a speech at Carnarvon yesterday.

He stressed the necessity of a complete survey of the land in order to ascertain its possibilities and how it can be improved and how labourers as well as farmers could be kept on the land.

BANGKOK, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The report of a further clash on the Thailand-Indo-China frontier is given in the latest Thailand communique which says that over 100 French irregulars violated Thailand territory at two points and fierce fighting ensued until the French retired. There were no details of casualties.

Today's War Summary

M. PIERRE LAVAL IS NO LONGER A MEMBER OF THE Vichy Government and is now under arrest. The French Police have also searched his papers. M. Flandin is appointed Foreign Minister. Marshal Petain remains at the helm and the national revolution continues. It is probable that the changeover was instigated by Germany.

AS THE RESULT OF "BULLS" SCORED by the Royal Air Force, the famous Dortmund-Ems Canal, a vital junction in the German canal system, is practically useless and is unrecognisable. Fifty-three attacks, it is revealed, have been made on rail targets in the course of 35 raids on Berlin.

THE ITALIANS ARE MAKING A DESPERATE STAND in an endeavour to prevent the British Imperial forces from sweeping them off Egyptian soil altogether but the morale of all ranks of the Imperial forces is tremendous and Marshal Graziani's task will be a grim one. The King has sent a message of congratulations to General Sir Archibald Wavell on the brilliant victory in the Western Desert.

IT IS REPORTED THAT REQUESTS FROM ALL quarters of the community in Shanghai for higher wages are being made. This is explained by the tremendous increase in local currency cost of living brought about by the fall in value of Shanghai's dollar and lack of supplies through the war in Europe.

ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER BRITAIN ON SATURDAY night was slight and in the early evening bombs were dropped in a town on the Thames Estuary several houses being damaged and a few people killed.

Prince Liner Torpedoed Off The Irish Coast: Canadian Minister For Munitions And Supply On Board

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—MR. C. D. HOWE, Canadian Minister for Munitions and Supply, is on board the British liner WESTERN PRINCE (10,328 tons) which is reported to have been torpedoed 400 miles north-west of the Irish coast yesterday. The fact that he was a passenger has been confirmed by an official of the Furness Company.

The Mackay Radio reports that it intercepted a message from the radio station at Port Patrick, Scotland, relaying the news that the Western Prince had reported that she has been torpedoed.

The liner had a narrow escape on her last trip out to America when her skipper, Captain John Read, said that she just missed being bombed.

With Mr. Howe were Mr. E. P. Taylor, Director General of munitions production, Colonel W. C. Woodward, a member of Mr. Howe's Department, and Mr. Gordon Scott, financial adviser to Mr. Howe's Department.

The Western Prince left New York on Dec. 6.

In the World of Sports

CONFUSION BAY SET NEW RECORD IN HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS

Champion Jockey Don Black's Four Wins, One Second

CONFUSION BAY, PERFECTLY RIDDEN BY MR. S. L. SUNG, CONFOUNDED BOTH TIPSTERS AND PUNTERS WHEN IT WON THE HONGKONG AUTUMN CHAMPIONS, at the Thirteenth Extra Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club held at the Valley on Saturday, in the record time of 2 mins. 19 4/5 secs, which is 2/5 secs. better than that established by Burford, against such stalwarts of the course as Burford, Eve of Harvest and O-Lan. Confusion Bay's win was, incidentally, responsible for the biggest dividend of the day (\$47.70).

The Queensland Autumn Champions—the other Championship race of the day—turned out to be a somewhat colourless event as only three ponies faced the starter. There never was any doubt as to Sapper winning as it led all the way from the starting gate to the post without being seriously extended.

Brilliant weather, large attendance, and very keen racing, contributed to making the final meeting of the year a huge success.

Bob Charles, the veteran jockey, scored the most popular win of the day when he piloted Rob Roy first past the post two lengths ahead of Emergency Unit, to pay \$31.50.

Dividends on the whole were most satisfactory in spite of the fact that fields were on the small side. Cash sweeps topped the \$3,000 mark in every race, and paid over \$7,000 on the two \$2-tickets events.

The Daily Double, with a total pool of \$15,380, paid \$22.90 to each of the 671 tickets on the Warrego River-Quick Despatch combination.

Mr. Donald Black's impressive list of successes this year include 37 wins, 13 seconds, and 20 thirds, in 154 outings. Mr. L. B. Chao is second with 31 wins, 24 seconds, and 19 thirds in 139 races; and Mr. F. Y. T. Wei is third with 24 wins, 16 seconds, and 19 thirds in 139 rides.

The most successful novice jockey is Mr. G. W. Cooper who has nine wins to his credit. Mr. Tubby Wood is a close second with eight wins.

RACE ONE

Humdrum Eve took the lead followed by Kentucky, Red Feather, Lilliber, and Lancashire Lass. These positions were maintained until the village bend when Red Feather dropped back to fourth position.

Coming into the straight Lilliber came up strongly from the outside to draw level with Humdrum Eve, and passed it when opposite the stands to win by three quarters of a length. Kentucky made a belated effort and was beaten to the post by a neck.

1-200 p.m.—Tardy Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. Marston's Lilliber, 153 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 1
Mr. Lan's Humdrum Eve, 147 lbs. (Mr. P. P. Botelho) 2
Mr. Fan's Kentucky, 153 lbs. (Mr. Chiu Ki Pan) 3
Won by three quarters of a length, a neck between second and third. Time: 1:56.1.

Parl Mutual: Winner: \$4.50. Places: \$1.60, \$1.00. Also ran: Lancashire Lass 154 lbs. (V. V. Nedra), Red Feather 153 lbs. (Y. T. Wei).

Betting	Win. Place
Humdrum Eve	224 163
Kentucky	511 212
Lancashire Lass	291 197
Lilliber	3621 1663
Red Feather	243 154
	4300 2492

RACE TWO

The field got off to a very good start, with Jane Doe slightly in the lead, followed by Rob Roy, Royal Wedding Eve and Emergency Unit.

After passing the Rock, Jane Doe drew ahead with Rob Roy two lengths behind, and Scenic View third.

Coming into the home run Rob Roy drew level with the leader, with Emergency Unit slightly behind, and the rest of the field bunched together a length in the rear.

ASSCN. HOCKEY: POLICE "A" SWAMP BEST 'VARSITY XI

A.N. OTHERS ALSO IN PEAK FORM

Police "A" beat University by six clear goals at Boundary Street yesterday in the Hockey Association Tournament. Kpalsa beat Police "B" by three goals to one on the same ground, while at King's Park, A. N. Other XI beat 5th A. "B" by six goals to one. Only three matches were played.

Against University, Police "A" fielded their best team against University's best and scored three times in each half. The undergraduates did their best but were no match for their opponents.

Howlett, Jasbir Singh and Gough were the outstanding players.

Jasbir Singh (3), Howlett (2) and Teja Singh scored.

POLICE "A": Naranjan Singh; Blackburn, Man Singh; Leslie; Gough, Hayward; Teja Singh, Howlett, Jasbir Singh, Parker and Brown.

UNIVERSITY: N. C. Sen Gupta, N. H. Low, S. K. Khor; Hukam Singh, O. C. Leow; K. Y. Tam, H. E. Ho, T. T. Chin, Hans Raj, D. Chelliah and L. H. Tan.

WIN FOR KHALSA

Khalsa had the better of Police "B" in the first half and scored two goals. In the second half, the Police, a strong but not well-strung together team, held the premier Indian team down to a goal-ast.

Souza gave a good display in goal and Kishan Singh was strong at right-back. With Guest and Gurbachan Singh in the forward line, they were the better players on view. The goals were scored by Gurbachan Singh, Awtar Singh and Karminder Singh for Khalsa, and by Narwant Singh for Police.

KHALSA: U. B. Souza; Kishan Singh, J. S. Grewal; Balwant Singh, M. H. Hassan, Mohinder Singh; Karminder Singh, A. E. Guest, Awtar Singh, Gurbachan Singh and Jangar Singh.

POLICE "B": Balwant Singh; Mehar Singh, Booda Singh; Iqbal Singh, Joginder Singh, Darbara Singh; Gurbachan Singh, Rattan Singh, Narwant Singh, Channan Singh and Ajab Singh.

GUNNERS' LOSS

Fifth A. "B" had a trying time against A. N. Other XI back to their best form and went down 5-1 at King's Park. The result, with the poor line-up of the Artillery team taken into account, was a fair enough one.

The half-time score was only 1-0, but the A. N. Others piled it on after the interval and gave the A. A. defence no respite. The scorers were Hitchcock (4), Alsey and Morgan for A. N. Other XI and Bigginton for 5th A. "B".

A. N. OTHER XI: Benwell; Gunner, Yourleff; Jordan, McEldan, Waldron; Gilchrist, Alsey, Hitchcock, Morgan and McGann.

5TH A. "B": Mohd. Haniff, Natha Singh, Sgt. Woods; Speed; Barraclough, Sardara Singh; Bigginton, Sohan Singh, Abdul Rehman, Kennedy and H. Wood.

LAWN BOWLS MATCH

In a friendly lawn bowls match at the Valley on Saturday, Craygenower Cricket Club beat Prisoners' Recreation Club by 56 shots to 55.

Scores follow: C.C.C.—L.M. Roza, G. Tanper, D.A. Rozario, L.C.R. Souza (skip), P.K. Lau, P. Lee, G.E. Ladd, A. M. Omar (skip); 24; W.J. Curd, H.L. Forman, J.W. Leonard, W.J. Penny (skip); 24.

P.O.C.—A.W. Hircok, A. Perry, J. McCutcheon, A. Jillett (skip); 29; W. Webber, S. Hodge, F.N. Hill, W.J. Bagley (skip); 18; V.H. Freeman, J.W. Grant, C. McGrath; J.W. Hudson (skip); 10.

Norwich City Trounce Aldershot

Big Away Victories In Home Football

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Home football matches played yesterday resulted as follows:—

NORTH

Bradford C. 4, Bradford 2. Chester 3, Burnley 4. Chesterfield 3, Leeds 0. Huddersfield 1, Halifax 1. Hull 1, Barnsley 2. Liverpool 6, New Brighton 4. Manchester U. 3, Rochdale 4. Middlesbrough 2, Grimsby 1. Oldham 1, Blackburn 0. Preston N.E. 2, Bury 2. Stockport 1, Manchester C. 9. Tranmere 2, Everton 8. Wrexham 5, Crewe 1. York 1, Doncaster 4.

SOUTH

Arsenal 3, Queen's P.R. 2. Brighton and Hove 1, Charlton 1. Bristol 3, Bournemouth 0. Cardiff 4, Stoke 0. Chelsea 1, Crystal Pal 2. Leicester 4, West Bromwich 3. Luton 3, Fulham 4. Mansfield 2, Nottingham F. 1. Millwall 3, Brentford 0. Norwich 10, Aldershot 0. Reading 8, Southampton 0. Southend 1, Watford 3. West Ham 5, Clapton O. 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

Airdrieonians 3, Hearts 1. Celtic 2, Albion Rovers 0. Falkirk 6, Morton 3. Hibernian 2, Clyde 2. Motherwell 2, Queen's Park 0. Partick 1, Rangers 4. St. Mirren 3, Hamilton 3. Third Lanark 4, Dumbarton 1.

OTHER MATCHES

Notre C. 2, F.A. XI 1. Southampton 2, F.A. XI 2. Scottish F.A. XI 4, Army XI 2. Swansea 5, F.A. XI 2.

SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL:

SOUTH CHINA TOO GOOD FOR CLUB: M'SEX SHARE POINTS WITH KWONG WAH

ONLY TWO SENIOR LEAGUE GAMES WERE PLAYED ON SATURDAY, SOUTH CHINA REGISTERING A COMFORTABLE WIN OVER CLUB BY four goals to one, while Kwong Wah forced a draw on Middlesex, after being two goals down at one time.

South China in defeating Club by four goals to one displayed a superiority which had not the Club's defence been in brilliant form, would have allowed the Chinese to win by a greater margin.

The Chinese attack worked with machine-like precision, Chan Tak-fai proving a dashing leader. With their wingers giving some flashy runs down the side-lines South China, who were easily the more aggressive side, were soon on the offensive, and shortly from the commencement, Chan Tak-fai dribbled through on his own to beat Odell for the "opener".

A few minutes later another Chinese goal was put in by Lee Shek-yau, who, securing the ball during a scrimmage in front of the goal, shot through a crowd of players, Odell being unlighted. At this stage, a section of the spectators, who had hotly contested the decisions of the referee, was cautioned by the latter.

After the interval the Chinese further increased their lead through Chow Man-chi and Chan Tak-fai. Though Club made strenuous efforts they could not get going against the strong defence work of Tsang Chung-wan and Lee Kwok-wai. Fowler worked hard in the centre but received little or no support. Club's lone tally was netted by Scott who sent in a "stinger" that had Tam completely beaten.

That they were defeated by such a small margin Club had to thank the brilliant keeping of Odell and the stoic defence of Syd Strange. CLUB: Odell, Eardley, S. Strange; Upson, Skinner, E. Strange; Hopkinson, Scott, Fowler, Bickford and Rietzen.

SOUTH CHINA: Tam Kwan-lon; Tsang Chung-wan; Lee Kwok-wai; Lau Hing-choi, Lam

KEN OVERLIN RETAINS CHAMPIONSHIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Ken Overlin easily retained the World Middleweight Boxing Championship yesterday when he out-pointed the youthful challenger, Steve Belloise, in a 15-round contest at Madison Square Garden.

The experienced Overlin sapped his opponent's strength with a forceful body attack, while Belloise foolishly elected to wait for one heavy punch which he was never able to land.

C.R.C. "AT HOME"

The Chinese Recreation Club will hold its annual "At Home" on Sunday, Dec. 23 when an American Tennis Tournament for members will be staged, following which the prizes and League trophies will be distributed by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo.

RUNAWAY WIN FOR WIGAN

Home Rugby Results

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The following are the results of Rugby League matches played yesterday:—

Bradford 7, Leeds 5. Castleford 13, Huddersfield 5. Dewsbury 4, Hull 5. Hunslet 0, Wakefield 6. Keighley 23, York 5. Salford 25, Liverpool 2. St. Helen's 19, Oldham 2. Warrington 3, Swinton 2. Wigan 45, Leigh 0.

RUGBY UNION

Guy's Hos. 11, Wasps 15. Rosslyn Park 0, C.E.F. Lambert's XV 9. St. Mary's Hos. 8, St. Bart's Hos. 9. Aldershot Com. O, N.Z. Army XV 8. Cardiff 17, British Empire XV 3. Gloucester 6, Stroud 0. Bath 8, R.A.F. XV 6.

Police Unlucky To Lose To Eastern After Leading At Interval 2-1

Leading by the odd goal in three at the interval, POLICE were unlucky to lose to EASTERN by four goals to two in the Senior League at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Making up for what they lacked in fitness with determined play the custodians of the law played inspired soccer in the second half. Eastern netting the equaliser during the absence of Chan Kwong-yu who had to be carried off the field following a collision with Kni Wing-fook.

Eastern on the whole, were not up to their expected form and their forwards, though showing good combination, lacked polish.

Kul Wing-fook, deputising for Cheung Kam-hoi, was the weak link in the attack.

Police were the first to attack and, early on, forced a corner, which proved fruitless. After about five minutes' play Eastern opened their account when HYUI, with the whole Police defence appealing for offside, ran through to score.

Shortly after, however, Police equalised when LAU PAK-HUNG, gathering up a ball during a scrimmage in front of Eastern's goal, shot through a crowd of players.

VERY SHAKY

Incensed by this Police continued to press and at this stage Kong Sing-king and Y. S. Yen were very shaky, the former being very erratic in his clearances. Towards the end of the first half, Police took the lead as a result of a misunderstanding between Eastern's backs.

Both Kong and Yen went for the ball and collided, leaving Wong Man-kwai in possession. Wong passed to LAU who practically walked the ball into the net.

On resumption Police were again the first to look dangerous and Lau Hin-hon was called on twice in quick succession. Chan Kwong-yu, who had up to then played a very good game, was carried off the field.

Breaking away after being pinned in their half of the field for nearly ten minutes Eastern forced a corner and, from the resultant kick taken by Chung Yung-sun, HYUI netted the equaliser. After this Eastern were more energetic and the Police citadel had many narrow escapes.

About midway through this half Eastern took the lead when HUI KING-SING beat Manning with a beautiful shot from about 30 yards out and, almost on time, HYUI made the issue beyond doubt, crashing in a first-timer from a pass from Hau Ching-to.

FINE CHECKING

The intermediate trio of Pope, Gough and North was the strongest department in the Police team, and to the wing halves must be given credit for their fine checking of Eastern's wingers. The left flank of Ferrier and Lau Pak-hung was always a source of worry to the Chinese.

Lau Hin-hon was steady in between the sticks while Yen was steadier of the backs, Kong being inclined to clear anyhow and anywhere when pressed.

EASTERN:—Lau Hin-hon; Kona Sing-king, Y. S. Yen; Lo Ki-tai-ang; Hau King-ang, Ng Ki-cheong; Chung Yung-sun. Kni Wing-fook, V. K. Hyui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

POLICE:—Manning; Blackburn, Chan Kwong-yu; Pope, Gough, North; Wong Man-kwai, Howlett, Moss, Ferrier and Lau Pak-hung.

NAVY WIN 5-2

In a Second Division League match played at Caroline Hill, Navy, fielding a strong eleven, defeated Kwong Wah by five goals to two.

Lee Wah-chi, Chung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fai, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

OTHER RESULTS

Results of matches in the Second and Third Divisions follow:—

SECOND DIVISION: R.A.O.C. 0, Kit Chee 3. Kowloon 2, S. Engineers 7. Club 1, R. Scots 4. S. China 5, R.A.S.C. 0. Police 0, Middlesex 3.

THIRD DIVISION

International 1, Shell 0. Signals 3, 2nd R.A. 1. 20th R.A. 3, R.A.C. 1. 12th R.A. 5, R.A.M.C. 1.

Narrow Win For Sing Tao

SAINTS PLAY WELL IN SECOND HALF

SING TAO had a very narrow escape yesterday on the Club ground in the second round match of their First Division encounter with ST. JOSEPH'S, when they emerged winners by the odd goal in five. Sing Tao won the first match 2-0.

Lai Shiu-wing capped a brilliant afternoon's display with a "hat-trick". Besides being the chief schemer in the Chinese forward line.

Sing Tao at the start attacked strongly and as a result LAI SHIU-WING netted from a pass from Fung King-cheong, after the latter had cleverly eluded three players. St. Joseph's at this stage, also had their share of the play and Macdonald and Man Che-kee both had luck in not scoring.

In the second half, St. Joseph's scored through MAN CHE-KEE, who followed up a loose ball, which was partially cleared by Soong Ling-sing, to tap it beyond the goalkeeper's reach.

But the Saints' luck was short-lived, as five minutes after LAI SHIU-WING scored two goals in quick succession. Nevertheless, after this unexpected reverse, the Saints played inspired football, and from then on they were all over Sing Tao.

POWERFUL SHOT

Gomes reduced the arrears when he sent in a powerful first-timer that had the goalkeeper. Continued on Page 5, Col. 2.

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China	12	9	2	1	37	13	20
Sing Tao	12	9	2	1	32	17	20
Eastern	12	8	3	1	38	19	19
Middlesex	11	5	2	4	25	24	12
Kowloon	4	4	2	3	14	15	10
R. Navy	10	2	4	6	27	7	8
R. Scots	10	3	1	8	16	28	7
Police	11	3	1	7	20	27	7
St. Joseph's	11	2	7	15	29	5	5
Kwong Wah	11	1	3	7	21	34	5
Club	9	2	0	7	18	34	4

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E.	12	10	2	0	58	13	22
Middlesex	12	9	2	1	48	19	20
R.A.S.C.	12	9	1	2	65	19	19
S. China	12	8	3	1	51	9	19
R. Scots	12	7	1	4	52	24	15
Sing Tao	12	6	3	3	31	18	15
Kit Chee	12	5	2	5	22	40	12
R. Navy	12	5	1	6	35	35	9
Kwong Wah	12	3	4	5	28	41	9
20th R.A.	11	3	4	4	17	28	8
R.A.O.C.	11	3	1	7	13	62	7
Club	11	1	1	9	13	49	3
Police	12	1	0	11	13	49	3
Kowloon	12	0	2	10	18	63	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.A.F.	12	10	1	1	36	14	21
Signals	12	8	2	2	29	15	19
20th R.A.	12	7	2	3	42	19	18
24th R.A.	12	6	3	3	28	15	15
International	12	6	2	4	32	21	14
2nd R.A.	12	5	4	3	24	20	14
14th R.A.	12	5	1	6	24	24	13
R.A.M.C.	12	5	1	6	24	28	11
2nd R.A.	11	5	1	5	22	21	11
20th R.A.	11	4	3	4	28	27	11
R.A.S.C.	12	3	1	8	20	27	7
Shell	12	3	1	8	18	27	7
A.S.A.	10	4	5	1	15	9	9

Yesterday's Softball Results

The following are the results of the softball matches played yesterday:—

LADIES' LEAGUE

	Runs
Cardinals	22
Recrelo	21
Floynbas	19
Chung Hwa	10
Wahchoo	17
Wildcats	16

FIRST DIVISION

	Runs
St. Joseph's	25
Ephipinos	7
Recrelo "A"	1
Cyclones	0
Indian B.C.	11
Canadians	3

SECOND DIVISION

	Runs
Chung Hwa	9
Cosmopolitan	8
S.C.A.A.	6
Recrelo "B"	5
V.R.C.	20
R.A.F.	7

HONG LEAGUE

	Runs
H.K. Bank	12
Cables	2
Chartered Bank	20
Greenspots	12

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TAXI DANCERS NOW LEARN NURSING

"Conditions in Japan are rather bad. You can hardly get any sugar, and rice, mixed with barley is rationed. Toilet necessities such as soap, toothpaste, shaving blades and cream, films for movie cameras and most American and British products, are almost impossible to secure."

So remarked Mr. J. L. Taylor of North Dakota, U.S.A., who arrived in Ipoh after spending a few weeks in Japan.

Mr. Taylor spent 10 days in Tokyo and found life there very interesting.

"The people were very happy at the signing of the pact with the Axis powers," he said. "They really felt that this would make it possible for them to realise the new order in East Asia."

"Tobacco is also difficult to obtain. Petrol is rationed, but Government cars use an unlimited quantity. There are very few private cars and quite a large number of the automobiles, buses and street cars use wood fuel or cheap oil."

"Matches are difficult to obtain. You can get a few sticks only at a time."

"Night life has been curtailed to a large extent," continued Mr. Taylor. "There are now no cabarets and night clubs. Taxi dancers have been taught various occupations such as nursing, secretarial duties and so forth, so that with the closing of the cabarets they did not become a social problem to the country."

"The women are not allowed to wear fine clothes as it is not considered to be good taste to do so at the present time," he added. (Malaya Tribune).

Permission has been given for fireworks, not being unlawful fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the Colony between 11.45 p.m. on Dec. 31, 1940, and 12.15 a.m. on Jan. 1, 1941.

COMING EVENTS

DEC.

16—Tides: High 11.06 a.m. and 8.41 p.m. Low 4.36 a.m. and 3.25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.56 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.).

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Cinema against Kruse & Co. Deutscher Klub, Transocean News Service.

Fritz Peterson, Degesch and Degussa (Hans Hommel), G. Hartig, Heinz Artax, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9—12 noon; Swimming.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.

H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House from Fanling Lodge.

St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth, 8.15 p.m.

Kowloon Union Church Club Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

17—Tides: High 11.48 a.m. and 10.20 p.m. Low 5.15 a.m. and 3.45 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.

Kowloon Ladies' Work Party, "Bring-and-Buy-Something" Tea Party, Y.M.C.A., 4 p.m.—6 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Women's Section, American Tea, 4 p.m.; Badminton & Mixed Swimming; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, D.O., Tai Po, 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m.

South China University Hall, Welcome to Mr. Yao Yang-wing.

18—Tides: High 12.32 p.m. and 11.05 p.m. Low 5.53 a.m. and 4.34 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.).

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Y.M.C.A. War Work, 9—12 noon; Swimming; Chess Night, 8 p.m.

Cheero Club, Christmas Party and Dance, 8.30 p.m.

19—Tides: High 1.04 p.m. and 11.50 p.m. Low 6.40 a.m. and 4.18 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

St. Andrew's Club dramatic performance.

Physical Training Competition for Kowloon Schools, Kowloon P.C., 9 a.m.

Presentation of Insignia at Government House, 5 p.m.

H.K. Singers' Concert, Peninsula Hotel, 9.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Bridge and Mahjong Chinese Art Exhibition at Hotel Cecil.

20—Tides: High 2.10 p.m. Low 7.25 a.m. and 6.15 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.43 p.m.

Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Annual Meeting (Jardine Matheson's Office), 5.15 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.).

Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Inter-School Physical Training Competition, Hongkong Football Club Ground, 11.30 a.m.

Cheero Club, Darts and Table Tennis.

Compulsory Service Tribunal, 4 p.m.

21—Tides: High 12.48 a.m. and 3.06 p.m. Low 8.15 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

Central British Assn. Supper Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 9 p.m.

China Light and Power Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, St. George's Building, 12 noon.

Claims against estate of Wong Yee due.

Inspection of Air Raid Warden by H.E. the Acting Governor, 3.30 p.m.

Government-Trained Teachers' Union Supper Dance, Hongkong Hotel, 8 p.m.

22—Tides: High 1.55 a.m. and 4 p.m. Low 8.05 a.m. and 9.26 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 5.44 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championship, Final.

Chinese Products Exhibition, Kowloon.

Charity football, 2.30 and 4 p.m.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

COMEDY HIT AT THE KING'S

"THE DOCTOR TAKES A WIFE"

Columbia's latest comedy hit, "The Doctor Takes a Wife," which

co-stars Loretta Young and Ray Milland follows in the triumphant

wake of such recent successes as "Too Many Husbands," "His Girl

Friday," and "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington," and opened at the

King's Theatre yesterday.

Lovely Loretta Young, in the

giddiest role of her career, has

won high praise for the delightful

funfulness of her first all-comedy

characterization.

She thinks she doesn't like men,

until she meets and "marries" a

man who doesn't like women, and

then she knows she doesn't like

men!

Ray Milland, the youthful ex-

pert in heart trouble who cannot

cure himself, is said to provide

an equally enjoyable por-

trayal as the doctor who takes a

"wife."

Supporting the stars in this

fun-packed narrative of a young

doctor and a young author who

pretend to be married, because

their careers depend upon it, are

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sonalities as Reginald Gardiner,

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"Hi Gang!"

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-

cession.

12.30 A Light Irish Programme with

Danny Malone (Tenor).

It is Only A Tiny Garden (Haydn

Wood); The Irish Emigrant (Barker)

Danny Malone (Tenor) with Or-

chestra. Medley of Reels, The Green

Groves of Erin—Irish Reels—William

J. Mullaly (Concertina) w. Piano.

Mother Machree (Oleott and Ball)

Danny Malone (Tenor) w. Orchestra.

Medley of Reels; Double Jigs—Medley

—Frank O'Higgins (Fiddler) w. Piano.

Danny Boy (Weatherley); My Old

Irish Mother (Dean)—Danny Malone

singing a Duet with himself.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Wea-

ther Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Roy Fox and

His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Always and Always

(film "Mannequin"); Sweet Someone

(film "Love and Hisses"); Fox-Trot—

The Pretty Little Fatchwerk Quilt;

Waltz—The Girl in the Alice Blue

Gown. Fox-Trots—Saddle Your Blues

Gown. Fox-Trots—Please Believe

me Waltz—Stars in My Eyes (film

"The King Steps Out"); Fox-Trots—

Bird on the Wing; Riding Down the

Sunset Trail.

1.30 Renter and Rugby Press.

Weather Forecast and Announce-

ments.

1.45 Variety.

Vocal—Grandma Said (Wrubel);

Deep In A Dream (De Lange-Van

Heusen)—Elsie Carlisle with Orches-

tra. Organ—Solitude (Ellington)—

Henry Croudon. Vocal—The Shabby

Old Cabby (Simon, Stillman); The

Moon Remembered but you forgot

(from "Let's be Famous")—Elsie Car-

lisle with Orchestra. Broadcasting

Skit—The Eternal Triangle; Comed-

ienne—Love Laughs at Locksmiths—

Renee Houston.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Popular Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Ma! Mymates—Dick

Robertson and His Orchestra. Swing

Fox-Trot—Scatterbrain—Benny Good-

man and His Orch.; Fox-Trot—The

Man Who Comes Around—Billy Col-

ton and His Band. Fox-Trot—She

Had to Go and Lose It At The Astor

—Florence Desmond (Vocal) with

Orchestra. Rumba Fox-Trots—Mama

Inez; African Lament—Don Asplary

and His Havana Casino Orchestra

Fox-Trot—Trene (from the film);

Waltz—Alice Blue Gown (film Trene)

5.00 Close down.

5.05 Closing local Stock Quotations.

5.07 Popular Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Ma! Mymates—Dick

Robertson and His Orchestra. Swing

Fox-Trot—Scatterbrain—Benny Good-

man and His Orch.; Fox-Trot—The

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Inez; African Lament—Don Asplary

and His Havana Casino Orchestra

Fox-Trot—Trene (from the film);

Waltz—Alice Blue Gown (film Trene)

—Wayne King and His Orchestra.

7.00 London Relay—The News

7.15 London Relay—Questions of

the Hour.

7.30 Studio—Talk on Ballet illus-

trated by records.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather

Report and Announcements.

8.05 This week's programmes.

8.07 Charlie Kuns at the Piano.

Kuns Revivals No. 7; Intro: Rose

in the Bud; Speak to Me of Love;

Someday, No. D2. Intro: One two

button, your shoe; On your toes;

Goodnight my love; Harbour Lights;

There's something in the air; May I

Have the Next Romance.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi Gang!"

8.30 London Relay—The News and

News Commentary.

8.35 Compositions of Jgar.

Prelude "The Kingdom" Op. 51—

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond.

by Sir Edward Elgar. Concerto for

Violoncello and Orchestra, Op. 85. 1st

Mov: Adagio. 2nd Mov: Lento.

Allegro molto. 3rd Mov: Adagio.

Beatrice Harrison (Cello) and the

New Symphony Orchestra cond. by

Sir Edward Elgar. Speak Music!—

Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with

Piano.

10.00 Selections from Grand Opera.

"Samson" and Delilah—Bachanale

(Saint-Seens); "Destruction of Troie"

—Rakoczy March (Berlioz)—Philadel-

phia Symphony Orch. cond. by Leo-

pold Stokowski. "Aida"—Ritorno. Vin-

cento (Verdi)—Eva Turner (Soprano)

w. Orch. "Rigoletto"—Vocal Gems

BRITISH FORCES "MOPPING UP" IN WESTERN DESERT

Italians Attempt To Stem Rout In Libya: Prisoners, War Material Pouring In

CAIRO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—It was reliably learned yesterday that casualties among the British and Imperial troops in the Western Desert advance are very slight; it is reported that the offensive is still proceeding very satisfactorily according to plan and that the number of Italian prisoners is mounting hourly.

Our advance is continuing so fast that it is impossible to obtain details of the operations but it is known that our troops are collecting stores and ammunition left behind by the Italians and are consolidating the newly-won positions.

Prisoners are being taken at such a rate that there is no tally at present but it is certain that the last official figure, 20,000, has now been much exceeded.

The Royal Navy is helping to deal with prisoners which it is taking on board at coastal ports; the Italians are described as miserably equipped, depressed, with broken boots and tattered uniforms.

They knew nothing of the situation in Albania and thought the Greeks had been driven back.

Many of the Italian officers took their pet dogs with them into captivity.

DIED AT POSTS

Most of the Italians surrendered when our tanks appeared but some of the enemy anti-tank gunners died at their posts.

In one place our troops found Chianti and tinned food in a dump which looked "just like a department store."

At the same point we also took lorries, guns, tanks and two loads of documents.

G.H.Q. COMMUNIQUE

An Italian attempt to stem the rout on the Egypt-Libyan border was revealed in yesterday's communique from Army G.H.Q. in Cairo.

The communique states the Italians are making a desperate attempt to make a stand on the Libyan border 50 miles west of Sidi Barrani.

The British and Imperial Forces, the communique adds, are keeping up pressure although they are now 125 miles from their base at Mersa Matruh.

ITALIAN RESISTANCE

Our advanced elements are now pressing back the enemy who are trying to make a fight of it.

Italian prisoners are rolling in steadily and it is now estimated that at least 20,000 have been taken, in addition to guns, tanks and large quantities of equipment of all kinds.

Our forces continue harassing operations in the Sudan, the communique concludes.

"MOPPING UP"

British forces in the Western Desert are systematically "mopping up," a very big task indeed, and military circles in London warn against expecting the rate of advance of the first five days to be maintained.

Our troops have been fighting since last Monday. They have covered a lot of ground, have taken many prisoners and are operating in a waterless area far from their railhead.

The task of dealing with the prisoners alone is a formidable one, while tanks which have been operating for five days in the desert, encountering among other things a sand-storm, require maintenance and overhaul.

GREEK GUNS SHELLING TEPELINI

ADVANCE RECORDED ON ALL SECTORS

ATHENS, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Italian counter-attacks in Albania have been repulsed and the Greeks are still forcing them back, despite the heavy snow and blizzards.

As they clear the roads with tractors and snow ploughs, the Greeks are coming across more and more supplies abandoned by the Italians, and are taking more prisoners.

There are about 14 Italian Divisions lined up against the Greeks, some of which have already been handed pretty severely.

HEAVY FIGHTING

In the north, heavy fighting is in progress and the Greeks have successfully thrown back desperate Italian counter-attacks and held their ground.

In the south, on the road from Argyrokastron to Valona, the Greeks are very near to Tepelini

For these reasons, there should be neither surprise nor disappointment if our forward advance slows down somewhat.

R.A.F. SUPPORT

For 24 hours R.A.F. fighters and bombers, without respite, have been supporting the Army's operations in the Western Desert, declared a communique issued from R.A.F. headquarters yesterday.

Our machines attacked aerodromes, landing grounds, dumps, stores, mechanised transport and troops with bombs and machine-gun fire.

A heavy bombing raid was carried out on barracks and the wireless station at Sollum. Fires were caused which spread rapidly.

BARDIA RAID

Bardia was also raided and a CR42 and three S79's on the ground at the airfield were destroyed and other planes rendered unserviceable.

R.A.F. fighters took a heavy toll of enemy troops retreating along the road to Sollum, and also shot down five CR42's, making a total of 15 enemy aircraft for the day.

Four Gloster Gladiators were lost but the pilots of three are safe.

One bomber reported missing the previous day is now safe at base.

HEAVY EXPLOSIONS

Gura, in Italian East Africa, was bombed. An incendiary bomb started heavy explosions on the aerodrome.

Dictators To Meet Again?

HERR HITLER ON MYSTERY TRIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Hitler, accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Joachim von Ribbentrop, has left Berlin for an unknown destination, according to a Columbia Broadcasting System report from Berlin yesterday.

Unconfirmed but persistent rumours from Berlin claim that Hitler is meeting Mussolini.

Last time the two Dictators met was at the famous Brenner meeting when they were reported to have divided "the spoils of a victorious war when won" between them.

The reported hurried departure of Hitler and Ribbentrop, if confirmed, is believed in Washington to be connected with the Italian situation.

Private reports reaching Washington from Europe indicate Italy is rapidly moving towards a serious internal crisis.

KING THANKS ROOSEVELT

His Majesty the King has sent a message of thanks to President Roosevelt for his message of sympathy over the death of Lord Lothian, says a London message.

His Majesty has also sent a message of condolence to Lord Lothian's sisters who are now in Washington.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed but the United States Government is considering the possibility of sending Lord Lothian's remains to England in a U.S. cruiser.

At Direkawa a pumping station was bombed while Asmara was also attacked.

The Caproni workshops received a direct hit.

No operations were possible in Albania owing to extremely bad weather.

FILIPINO ECONOMIST BELIEVES JAPAN WILL FULFILL DUTY TO AXIS WITHOUT WAR AGAINST U.S.

Indo-China, Thailand Hostilities

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The conflict between Thailand and Indo-China has been intensified throughout the border region during the past few days, according to a semi-official Japanese report received from Hanoi yesterday.

Expressing the Government's firm determination regarding the situation, Admiral Decoux, Governor-General of Indo-China, told the Japanese press:

"Should Thailand continue her invading military actions in future, we are ready to counterattack every single Thai attack."

"Although Indo-China still entertains hope for a peaceful settlement, should the situation develop into war Thailand must be held responsible."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20.—Vicente Villamin, Filipino economist and lecturer, said recently that he believes that Japan will attempt to fulfill her commitments to the Berlin-Rome Axis without involvement in a war with United States.

Villamin speaks as a private individual, and is not connected with the Philippine government. At various times he had appeared before congressional, commercial and academic groups as an analyst and commentator on Far Eastern developments of special significance to the Philippine Islands.

In a Press interview he commented on the significance of the Japan-German-Italian Axis as follows:

"It is my belief that as a result of this alliance a Japanese-American war has become less probable than before its creation."

"NUISANCE VALUE"

"The function of Japan under the alliance is to assert its 'nuisance value' on the U. S. by discouraging this country from joining or aiding Britain in the Atlantic and by worrying Britain's colonies in the Pacific."

"For this role Germany may reward Japan with the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China or a part of them in the same manner that she rewarded Russia with a half of Poland for the same role a year ago."

"Today Japan has no colour of authority to occupy the Dutch East Indies and French Indo-China, but Germany can claim that having conquered Holland and France she automatically becomes supreme in their colonial possessions."

"Japan's role in the tripartite alliance is best discharged without war with the United States."

"Japan knows that she has much to gain by being at peace with the United States and much to lose by being at war." "Japan knows that if she tackles the United States she has to face the combined strength of the Chinese man-power and the American material and military resources at a time when she has used up much of her strength in her war with China and when she can not expect any military assistance from her German and Italian allies."

R.A.F. RAIN DEVASTATION IN REICH, OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—Widespread heavy attacks on Germany and occupied territories were carried out by the R.A.F. during the week ending Dec. 13, despite extremely unfavourable weather. It was declared in London yesterday.

Outstanding objectives included Dusseldorf, where targets bombed were blast furnaces, steel works, the Dusseldorf-Derendorf goods yards, the Mannesmann Rehrenwerke armaments works and also the inland port and gasworks.

Dusseldorf was raided on two successive nights, both attacks being very concentrated and heavy.

Pilots saw roofs cave in and explosions tore the walls of the great steel works, wide open. Fires could be seen 40 miles away.

A supply train near Dusseldorf was machine-gunned from a height of 50 feet.

AERODROMES BOMBED

Enemy aerodromes in occupied territory were attacked on most nights but specially widespread raids were made on the night of December 6/7, and spectacular fires and explosions were reported.

Aerodromes bombed included Le Touquet, Chateau Dur, Melun, Villacoublay, Chartres, Vandœuvre, Vitry-en-Artois, Le Culot, Brussels, Halekamp, Ypenburg, Rotterdam, Troud and Eindhoven.

The Torlent and Brest submarine bases were both raided on three nights.

During the raid on the Bordeaux submarine base one explosion was so terrific that it lit the inside of aircraft flying at over 1,000 feet.

BRITISH LOSSES

A total of at least 27 attacks was made against ports, nine against factories and industrial targets, six against railways and a great number against aerodromes.

Twelve aircraft failed to return while two enemy aircraft were destroyed by British bombers.

GREAT EXPLOSION

The attack on the U-boat base at Bordeaux was continued in a short destructive raid with heavy bombs, states the Air Ministry.

First pilot to attack scored a hit on a big quayside building.

A great explosion near the gates of one dock during the later stages of the raid was followed by a dozen others along the Basin.

When the pilots turned for home, adds the Ministry, the submarine base was lit up by two fires and was overhung by clouds of smoke.

FRIDAY'S RAIDS

R.A.F. bombers attacked shipbuilding yards at Kiel and also factories and other targets at Bremen on Friday night, stated an Air Ministry communique on Saturday. Weather conditions were difficult.

Docks and aerodromes in Holland were also bombed. Aircraft of the Coastal Command attacked the submarine base at Bordeaux. No aircraft were lost.

GERMAN SUPPLY SHIP SUNK

SUCCESSFUL ACTION OF "SUNFISH"

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announced late Friday night that H.M. Submarine Sunfish has sunk a large Nazi supply ship and severely damaged an oil tanker near the Norwegian coast.

Lieutenant G. R. Colvin, R.N. (who was formerly in the submarine Perseus on the China Station) reports that Sunfish closed in at high speed and fired torpedoes at a 4,000-ton German supply ship.

Only the upper decks of the target were visible at the time.

Two heavy explosions were heard as the torpedoes struck home both hitting the ship at almost the same moment.

The ship was heavily laden—probably with iron-ore—and must have broken up and sunk immediately.

Lieutenant Colvin reports that when the submarine was brought to shallow depth and the periscope raised no trace of the ship could be seen.

Sunfish also crippled a tanker, which seemed to be beached.



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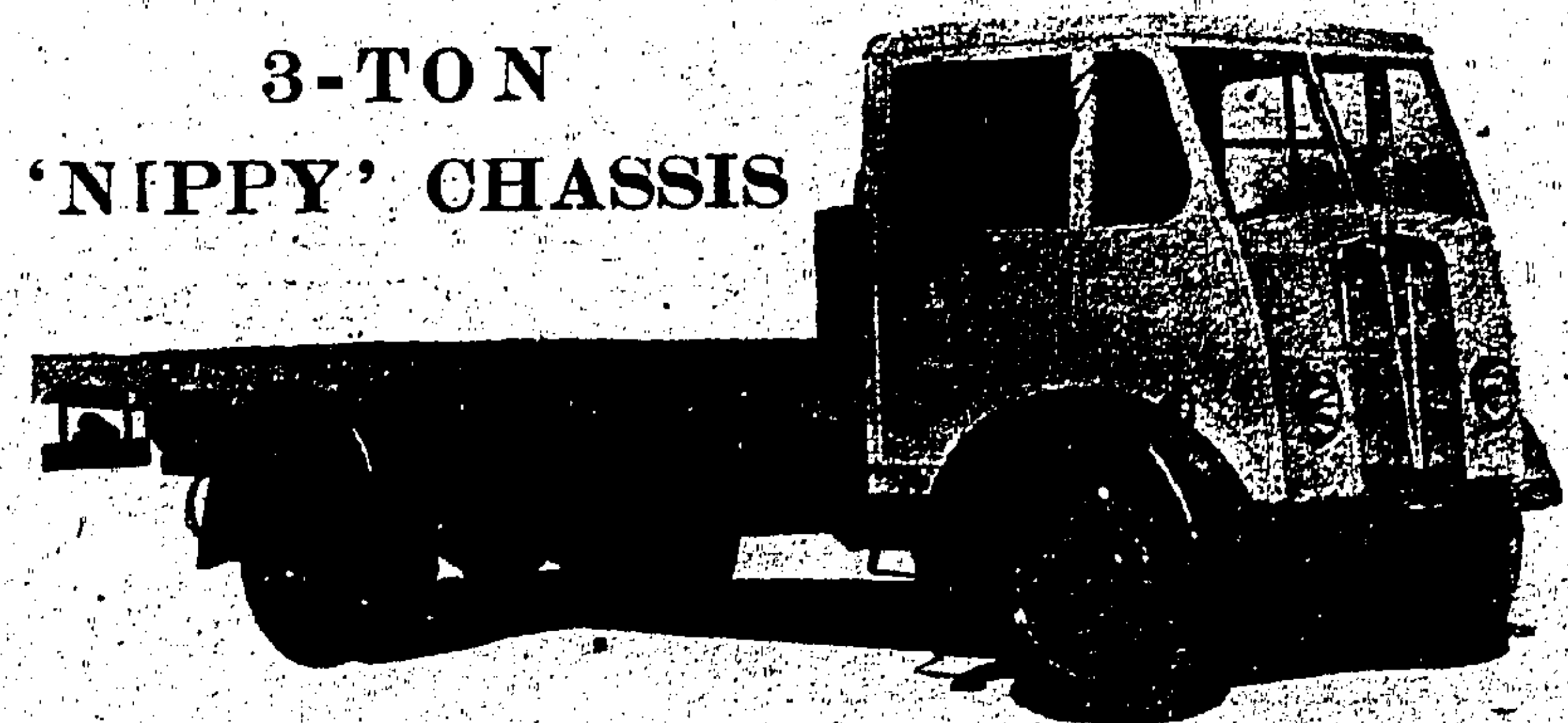
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NEW BAPTIST CHURCH OPENED BY GOVERNOR

Pleasant Ceremony At Kowloon City

"That I am not a member of the Baptist denomination myself makes no difference to this pleasure," said His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, C. B., D. S. O., M. C., in declaring the new building of the Kowloon City Baptist Church, in Stirling Road, opened on Saturday.

His Excellency was met on arrival by the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong, the Rev. Lau Yuet-shing, Dr. Y. T. Chin, Mr. Lam Chi-fung and the Rev. Cheung Man-chiu.

After a short prayer was said by the Rev. Chiu Sze-cheung, His Excellency was given the key with which he opened the new building.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

His Excellency said:—It was with great pleasure that I accepted the Bishop's invitation to be present at this inaugural ceremony today.

That I am not a member of the Baptist denomination myself makes no difference to this pleasure.

In a life not devoid of adventure and experience in "out of the way parts of the world I have discovered to my own satisfaction an interesting fact:—Good men—men imbued with the finest inherent qualities are in my experience curiously equally distributed between all classes and between all races of mankind. And when it comes to those additional virtues which are inculcated by religion all the big and fine religions of the world make their contribution to these inherent virtues.

HARDEST STANDARD

Perhaps one of the hardest standards laid down for us Christians is in the saying "Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friend." You can't ask much more of any man.

Yet the finest example of a lateral adherence to this precept in my experience was given by an unlettered, ignorant Tibetan porter of Buddhist religion who died on Nanga Parbat, one of the great Himalayan peaks, deliberately sacrificing his own life, which he could easily have saved, because he would not desert a German climber so stricken with frost bite high on the mountain in a blizzard that he had no hope of escape.

If then I feel strongly the appeal of all the finer religions how much more must I feel that the differences between the various sects of our own religion are less than skin deep.

TOLERANT OUTLOOK

Such a tolerant outlook is unfortunately not universal. But from all I know of Hongkong since my father was here 70 or 80 years ago this Colony has been singularly happy in the broadmindedness of the various sects of the Christian religion one to another here—and there is no finer protagonist of this broad minded tolerance than the Bishop of Hongkong to whose help I am indebted for some of the following facts.

The Baptists who are I believe the largest Christian denomination in the world after the Roman Catholics, were early in the field in Missionary work in China—making their start in Macau in 1592.

EARLY CONNEXION

Thence they transferred in 1842 to Hongkong only a year after the foundation of the Colony—so that Hongkong has a very early connexion with the Baptist denomination.

In 1880 they moved to Swatow where their work flourished exceedingly. This church is the fruit of the work carried out there and in Canton.

In parenthesis I should like to touch on the very fine educational work carried out in Canton by the Baptists; particularly the Pooi Ching and Pooi Do Schools for boys and girls respectively and the former has a branch in Hongkong and the latter has now moved complete to Hongkong for sanctuary.

CHINESE CHRISTIANS

The building of the church which we are inaugurating today has been made possible entirely by the work of Chinese Christians and owes much to the energy and organising ability of Mr. Lam Chi-fung, of Swatow who is also this year Chairman of the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong. May I take this chance of expressing my admiration for his work.

This church may stand, then, as an outward and visible sign of a most flourishing branch of the Christian Church. Long may it continue to flourish in Hongkong, which if not its mother was at

least its nurse—and which has proved so kindly a nurse for Chinese christianism as a whole that the Chinese Christian population in the Colony today numbers some 40,000—three times its total European population.

CURIOUS CONTRAST

What a curious contrast! Here is a Chinese Christian church set in the midst of a large Chinese Christian community and owing its existence to Chinese Baptists largely domiciled in Swatow and Canton—and it is one of many autonomous self propagating churches of Chinese christianism. Yet one hundred years ago the Reverend Vincent Stanton who was later to become the first Colonial Chaplain in Hongkong was in prison in Canton for preaching the Christian religion on Chinese territory.

SINCERITY AND FIDELITY

It would ill become me who have no claims to call myself a very religious man to attempt to turn this address into anything like a sermon. But I should like to say that I am proud to call myself a Christian and few things have contributed more to that pride than my experience of the sincerity and piety of the genuine Christians of oriental race whom I have encountered doing the work of our Lord teaching and healing the sick and setting a fine example of Christianity by the lives they lead.

In conclusion I wish to congratulate all those responsible for the building of this church—It starts its life in sad and troublous times—May that life be a long, a prosperous and beneficial one in a happier new world after our present troubles have passed away.

NIGHT SOIL DISPOSAL

VEXED QUESTION NEAR SOLUTION

Some light has been thrown on the vexed question of disposal of night soil which is of interest to many circles concerned of late.

It is now learned that the Urban Council will take over the responsibility for the collection and disposal of night soil from private premises as from April 1, 1941.

This decision, taken following the presentation of the problem to Government for consideration after opposition from many sources was voiced, is freely interpreted as Government acceptance, at least in principle, of the financial side of the scheme. However, it is understood that further decisions are pending.

Two thousand of the coolies now employed in the work will be taken over by Government. In view of the special circumstances, women workers will also be used, although Government's policy refrains from employing women coolies.

The erection of maturing pits in the New Territories for sterilizing the night soil before it is sold as fertilizer is still under investigation.

WAH YAN OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

The Wah Yan Past Students' Association held their first Council Meeting of the year last Thursday when the President, Mr. Ko Fook Soh, the Vice-President, Mr. Chan Wal Chuen and all the other Council members met to discuss the plans of activities for the coming year.

The President in his opening address welcomed the new Council and stressed the importance of continuing war relief work.

The war relief work will be pursued as in the previous years, and Mrs. Kwan Man Wai who has been entirely responsible for the direction of the working committee for the last three years will be again urged to shoulder the burden. An effort will be made to canvass new members by issuing lists of social activities and copies of the "Bridge," the annual publication of the Association. The member-

DELAYED CLIPPER MAKES BRIEF STAY IN H.K.

After several days' delay owing to typhoon weather, Pan American Airways CALIFORNIA CLIPPER (Capt. H. L. Turner), bringing U.S. mails dated San Francisco, Dec. 1 and 4, arrived in Hongkong at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday.

In order to make up for lost time, the Clipper made only a brief stay in Hongkong and took off on her return flight at noon.

ARRIVALS

The following arrived by the Clipper:

MR. LEE MACHALE, engineer with General Motors Overseas Operations Dept., at Bombay, en route to his headquarters after a trip to the factory in Detroit.

MR. MAURICE WALSH, general manager and treasurer of Central Aircraft Manufacturing Co., China, returning to London after a business trip to the New York Office of the company.

MRS. ELIZABETH NEWTON, wife of a British officer formerly stationed in Hongkong, en route to England, accompanied by her two sons, WILLUGHBY and BRIAN NEWTON.

MR. JOHN K. BOUSFIELD, Far Eastern manager of Asiatic Petroleum Co., returning to the Colony after a business trip to Manila.

MR. CHARLES HOLLMAN, agriculturist, of the Philippines, on a business visit to the Colony.

MR. JOSEPH A. PARRISH, executive of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., Hongkong, returning after a business trip to Manila; and

MR. TAN SUAN-BING, Chinese merchant from the Netherlands East Indies, making a short business trip to the Colony.

DEPARTURES

The following left by the Clipper on Saturday:

FOR MANILA: SENOR JOSE P. FERNANDEZ, Manila businessman returning after a visit to the Colony. Mr. Nils Klykken, mechanical engineer connected with Tabacalera and Co., on a business trip; MR. VASANTMAL ASSANMAL, Indian merchant making a round trip by Clipper on business;

DR. BALFOUR, M.O., of the Rockefeller Foundation, also on business; MR. R. C. CHEN, Chinese banker, on a business trip, accompanied by his wife; and the following Chinese Clipper commuters: Messrs. Chang Chi-hai, Chan Wan-tung, Wan Tong, Huang Beng-to, Chiu Liang-yung.

FOR HONOLULU: MR. A. TENNANT, barrister-at-law, en route to Rochester; MR. KAN CHUNG-HAN, Chinese merchant from Shanghai, en route to Rio de Janeiro, on a combined business and pleasure trip, accompanied by his wife, MRS. KAN FONGERE, and two sons, KAN TSIN and KAN DA.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO: MR. CHAN HING, Chinese merchant returning to San Francisco after a visit to his relatives in China; MR. MELVIN L. SOUTHWICK, executive of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., en route to Los Angeles on home leave; and MR. R. KOPELMAN, manager of S. A. Levy and Co., Hongkong, making a round trip to New York and back on urgent business.

URBAN COUNCIL MEETING

A meeting of the Urban Council will be held tomorrow at 4.15 p.m.

The following are the orders of the day:—

Application for a restaurant licence for No. 406, Shanghai Street, ground floor; Application for a laundry licence for No. 110, Electric Road, ground floor; Application for a milk shop licence for No. 42, Sing Wo Road, ground floor.

Regular Returns.

EXHIBITION OF H.K. PRODUCTS

An exhibition of all local-made products will be staged when the Fourth Annual Hongkong Chinese Products Exhibition, to be held under the auspices of the Hongkong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, opens on Dec. 22.

The Exhibition will be held in the stalls newly built on the 70,000 square-foot area opposite the Peninsula Hotel, and will remain open for several days.

His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lieut.-General E. F. Norton, will open the Exhibition.

Ship dues of the old members will be collected by an authorized agent.

IMMIGRATION RACKETEERS WARNED

Receiving Depot To Be Established

A depot will be established by the Immigration Department when it commences operations next month. It was officially learned. This depot will occupy the godowns of the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company in Connaught Road West, and will be under the charge of Mr. J. H. B. Lee, who has been appointed Deputy Immigration Officer.

It is proposed to appoint Chinese Immigration Officers to take charge of Frontier Immigration Stations and to board ships arriving in the Colony.

PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, Immigration Officer, has issued a further warning against agencies and photographers professing to be in a position to secure preferential treatment for their clients, stating that Government take no responsibility for the honesty of agents.

Some 21 authorized agents have been appointed by the Department to issue forms to applicants and to receive them for forwarding to the Immigration Department. Forms may also be obtained from solicitors' offices and from the Hongkong and Kowloon Residents' Union.

PAROCHIAL BAZAAR

A Parochial Bazaar in aid of the Precious Blood Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held in the Tung Lo Garden, Tai Po Road, yesterday.

The Bazaar was opened at 11 a.m. by Bishop H. Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, in a few well-chosen words.

The stalls, where useful articles could be bought at bargain prices, were mostly run by the Associations of the Precious Blood parish. The games gallery was well attended and lucky winners went away with attractive prizes.

Rover Scouts of the 17th Kowloon Group and members of the Social Service Club, Rice Hall, were on duty at the Bazaar, which remained open until 11 p.m.

Two Weddings At Registry

The wedding took place on Saturday at the Registry, Supreme Court, before Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, of Mr. Chu Ho-chuen, student, of No. 68, Queen's Road East, and Miss Wong Moon-yung, of No. 47, Queen's Road East.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the marriage between Mr. John Edward Manslow, printer of the Merchant Navy, residing at No. 13, Hillwood Road, Kowloon, and Miss Dora K. Kovach, of No. 7 Bowen Road, Flat 4, which took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Philip Hin Wing Shiu, manager of the Wing Co., of No. 105, Belcher's Street, and Miss Annie Yung, of No. 12, First Lane, Tai Hang, Causeway Bay.

Mr. David Chung, principal of the Institute of Agricultural Association, residing at the Agricultural Institute of Fanling, and Miss Nancy Chang, of No. 3 Rue Nova a'Gula, Macao.

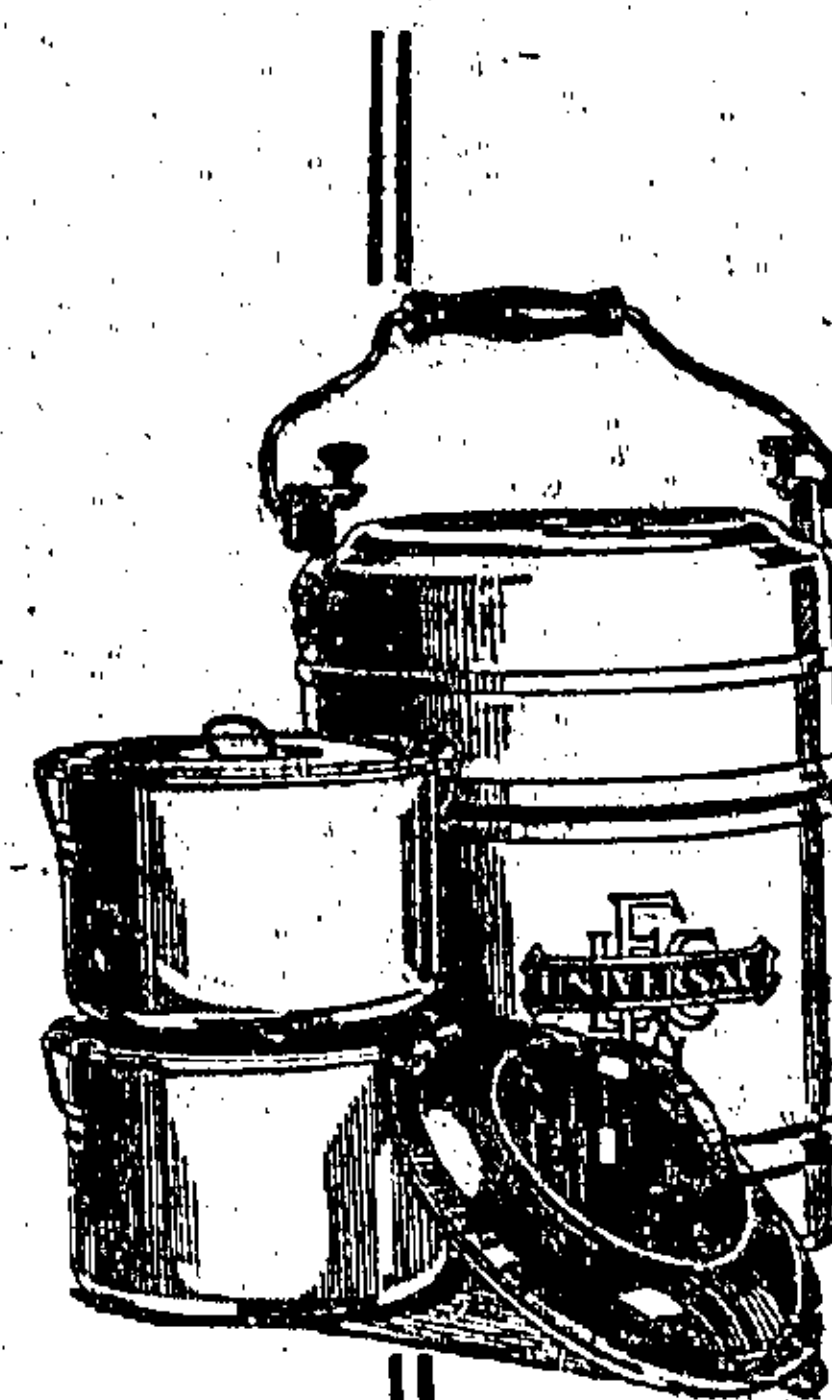
Compulsory Service Tribunal

It is hereby notified for general information that a public session of the Compulsory Service Tribunal will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, 1940, at 4 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat.

FUNERAL OF MR. H. P. MORTON

The funeral of Mr. H. P. Morton, who died at the War Memorial Nursing Home on Thursday following an operation for acute appendicitis, took place at the Colonial Cemetery on Saturday.

The Rev. Cyril Brown officiated. Many wreaths were sent.



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MASS HYSTERIA
OF GERMANY

PSYCHOLOGISTS have for many years been trying to account for the marked form of hysteria which seems to be such an inherent characteristic of some continental races. In Germany, Italy and in the smaller Balkan states this tendency to mass hysteria is more pronounced than in other parts of Europe and this is all the more remarkable since there are races on the same continent who are naturally phlegmatic in their outlook on life and more inclined to permit common-sense and reason enter into their relations with their neighbours. The outbreak of the war in Europe, caused by the German invasion of Poland, can be traced to the nervous tension which had been created throughout Germany. In this condition, the minds of the people and their leaders were most receptive to "imaginary persecutions" which they believed were being directed against them and their compatriots in other parts of the continent. Despite the fact that definite proof was never furnished to support these stories of atrocities committed against their countrymen, the state of the German mind, brought to a high pitch of nervousness by the iron discipline and brutal methods of the Nazi regime, was easily swayed to think in the way it was wanted to think and to act in the way it was wanted to act. The outlet for these pent-up feelings of hysteria was provided by the plunder of Poland.

IN THE MIDST of this pillage and the screaming of shells and bombs, the pitch of hysteria, having found its outlet, proceeded to new heights of outbursts against the rest of the world. Impassioned harangues about lebensraum and the illusory goal of world domination goaded the soldier and the civilian alike to hysterical frenzy. The calm and dispassionate voice of reason

QUIET WEDDING
AT ST. JOHN'S

Butterworth—Gomes

A quiet wedding was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral on Saturday morning between Miss Constance Gomes, daughter of Mr. Ramas Alexis Gomes and the late Mrs. Gomes of 381 Nathan Road Kowloon, to Lance Corporal John Butterworth, Royal Scots, of Murray Barrack.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. J. L. Wilson, Dean of the Cathedral.

The bride looked charming in a white satin frock and wore a halo hat and carried blue accessories.

Mr. D. L. Dawson will address the Hongkong Rotary Club tomorrow on "Some Thoughts of an Amateur Economist." At the following meeting of the Club, on Tuesday, Dec. 24, Mr. W. Brown will speak on "A Visit to Samoa." The address will be illustrated with lantern slides.

found no place in their feelings and they were all borne on the road of power-politics so effectively wielded by the man, who, they had been led to believe, would deliver them from the so-called countless oppressions which were being imposed on them from outside and which would engulf them, if they did not rise up and stamp out those who were trying to rob them of their national rights and claims to mastery of the whole universe! The very audacity and brutality with which this mass hysteria was used to serve the purpose of the leaders who hoped to attain power and glory for themselves took even the peaceful-minded democratic nations by surprise. The time they took to realise that these hysterical outpourings were threatening to submerge their very existence gave the power-seeking fanatics an advantage and the forces of might surged forward in an orgy of murder, rape and pillage.

COUNTRIES fell before the advancing hordes, whose fevered thoughts made them imagine that nothing could stand in the way of their desires and that everyone should be brushed aside ruthlessly and wantonly in their march to power. Then came the obstacle which they could not surmount—the nation which they could not stamp down under the iron heel and which hysterical ravings left unmoved and unafraid—England and her Empire. Steadily and with reasoned prudence and determination, Britain prepared to stem the rush. The speeding up of these preparations was undertaken, not in a state of panic or nervousness, but with a calmness and spirit which has evoked admiration from Britain's sympathisers and caused confusion to her enemies.

The obstacle of the British Empire still stands stronger than ever against brute force born of mass hysteria. As month succeeded month, the mailed fist of the German invader continued to beat fruitlessly against the bulwark of British resolve and determination to defeat the evil influence which caused half a continent to lie under the Nazi yoke. The hysteria of Britain's enemies for plunder and robbery has turned into a hysteria of dread for the future as slowly, but surely, the forces of might are being broken of their ruthlessness. This very same unnatural condition which the leaders of Totalitarianism have so encouraged amongst their people will prove their own downfall, when the people whom they led into this state realise how they have been deceived.

NEWSETTES

Mr. Eric M. Bryden resumed his appointment as a member of the Board of War Taxation on Dec. 11.

Miss Edna Sabina Atkins has been appointed to be a member of the Board of Education for a further period of two years, with effect from Dec. 16.

Mr. C. A. Owen has been appointed to be Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from Nov. 25.

The following have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve: Mr. F. F. Fleth, Mr. J. W. Alabaster and Mr. W. R. Mansfield.

A journalism course sponsored by the Hongkong Young Journalists' Union will reopen on Jan. 15. Enrollment for entrance to this course has been begun.

The Government Notifications declaring Canton and Shanghai to be places at which an infectious or contagious disease, namely cholera, prevailed have been rescinded.

Mr. R. D. Gillespie has been appointed to be a member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee in place of Mr. H. V. Wilkinson D.S.O. with effect from Dec. 4.

The name of Dr. John H. M. Chen, M.B., B.S., Hongkong, has been added to the Register of Medical Practitioners entitled to practice medicine in the Colony.

The number of emigrants who left the Colony for the Straits Settlements during November was 3,027.

Mr. F. A. Xavier has been recognised, provisionally and pending instructions from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as Honorary Consul for Mexico at Hongkong.

Mr. Harold Barrett has been re-assigned from the General Group for Essential Services to the Key-Posts Group in the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

Mr. L. J. Davies has been appointed to be a member of the Committee to administer the Mercantile Marine Assistance Fund of Hongkong, vice Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., with effect from Dec. 9.

The following have been enrolled in, and belong to, the Hongkong Defence Reserve (B): Mr. V. H. Freeman, Mr. F. E. Lawrence, Mr. P. B. Allam, Mr. R. Dormer, Mr. G. F. Jeavons, Mr. E. L. Powell and Mr. Matthew Scott.

It is learned from educational circles that exemption from military training imposed on graduates of those Middle Schools and Colleges which reopened in Macao and Hongkong following the fall of Canton, has been granted by the Chungking authorities on account of the prevailing circumstances.

Charity
Concert

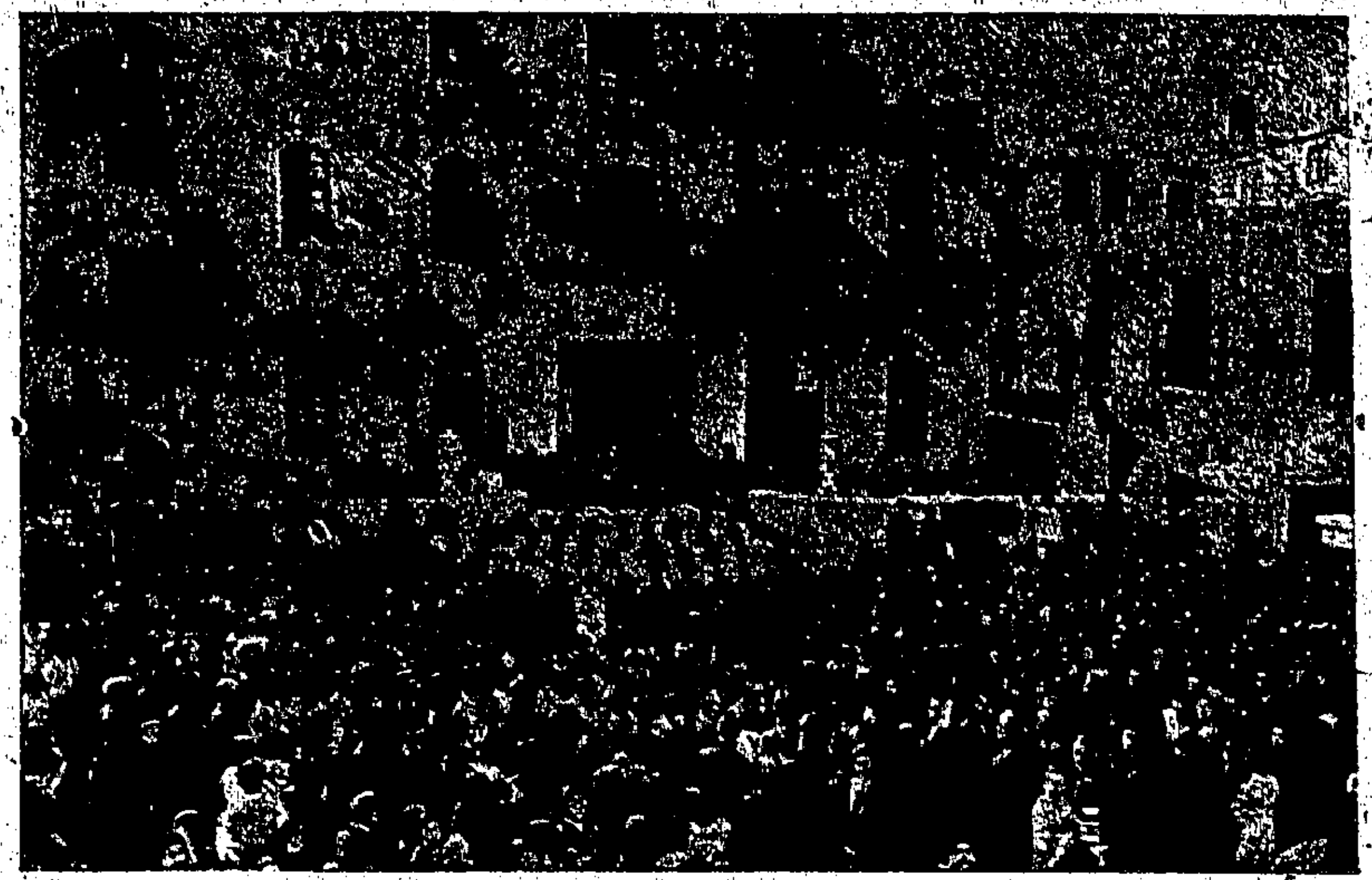
An entertaining variety programme was presented by the Hongkong English Forum in its "Third Annual Family Show" at the auditorium of the Chinese Y.W.C.A. on Saturday night.

Highlights of the programme were two beautiful vocal solos rendered by Miss Elvise Yuen, English as it was spoken by people of different nationalities presented by Mr. V. V. Kolatchoff, and a Saravak dance by Mr. J. W. Reeves. The surprise of the evening was contributed by one of the audience, Mr. Y. K. Sze. A talented bass soloist from Shanghai, he kindly consented to sing two selections after being discovered in the crowd. Miss Elvise Yuen was the accompanist.

The last item on the programme was an one-act comedy play, "Gone With The Gorilla," which was arranged by one of the Forum members. Actors in the play were Messrs. Cecil Wing Lee, Bill Quon, Tommy Young, Robert Chan, David Lo and Cheung Kwok Leung.

Mr. Miao Chi-wai, President of the Forum, thanked the audience and those who helped to make the evening a success, and said that the proceeds of the show would go in aid of the Y.W.C.A. War Charity Fund.

Mr. James Poon was Master of Ceremonies.



Picture taken at the inauguration of the new Kowloon City Baptist Church, Stirling Road by His Excellency the Acting Governor, Lt.-Gen. E. F. Norton, on Saturday afternoon. — (King's Studio).

13-YEAR-OLD FILM STAR IN H.K.

Sybil Jason Interviewed
By Daily Press

A VERY MUCH THRILLED PASSENGER ABOARD THE S. S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD, IS LITTLE MISS SYBIL JASON, 13-YEAR-OLD MOVIE STAR, WHO IS ON HER WAY HOME WITH HER SISTER, ANITA, TO CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA.

Sybil Jason left Cape Town a little more than seven years ago for London, where she appeared in two pictures, quite an experience at five years of age, though she had made her first appearance on the stage at the tremendous age of one!

FROM LONDON, SHE MOVED ON TO HOLLYWOOD AND STAYED THERE MORE THAN SEVEN YEARS. In all this time she has not been home to Cape Town and has not been with her family in 7½ years.

Sybil told a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday that she was looking forward to seeing Cape Town again, and especially to meeting her father and mother.

LIKES HOLLYWOOD

She likes Hollywood and wants very much to return. In her screen career, five years under contract to Warner Brothers and two years to 20th-Century Fox, she has appeared in some 30 pictures. In her last two years, she worked with Shirley Temple and appeared with her in "The Little Princess", shown locally some time ago, and in Maurice Maeterlinck's "The Blue Bird" which is to be shown at the King's Theatre soon as a holiday attraction.

The picture is all in technicolour and Sybil plays the part of the Little Crippled Girl.

On the screen, Sybil has been "mothered" by a number of the leading actresses. She has played daughter roles to Kay Francis on four occasions and on three occasions to Frieda Inescort, who may be seen on the screen locally in the film "Pride and Prejudice", in which she takes the part of Miss Bingley.

HER FAVOURITE STARS

Asked who her favourite actress was, Miss Jason expressed the opinion that few could hold a candle to Miss Bette Davis, whom she considers the greatest actress on the screen to-day and refers to privately as "The Queen".

Sybil is very fond of nicknames and has one for every steward on the President Jackson. One she affectionately calls "Dimpy", short for Dimples, while another name for labour under the name "Snake-eyes". However, it is a point for conjecture as to whether the gentleman is acquainted with the pseudonym Miss Jason has adopted for him.

There is no hero, like Errol Flynn, in another Sybil Jason opinion, but Mr. Flynn cannot attempt to surpass Spencer Tracy as an actor. Her great friends though, in Hollywood, were Shirley Temple and Jane Withers, Sybil said.

"We had lots of fun together," she said. "I was very close to him. Another friend was 'Bunbun', who it turns out, is Bonita Granville of the 'Little Tough Guys' series. Someone else left behind whom she worries about now and then is Mr. McTavish. He happens to be not a Scotman, but a Scotie and a regular tall-wagger, if one can picture him from Miss Jason's enthusiasm in talking of him."

ABOUT HERSELF

She attended Beverly Hills High School in California, Sybil said, and that was lots more fun than attending a private school on the sea. "A favourite pastime of hers

EMPIRE DAY TO
BE WORKING DAY

A Bill has been drafted to amend the Holidays Ordinance states the Government Gazette.

The object of the Bill is to preserve Empire Day as a holiday for Government schools, military schools and registered schools; but to restore it, unless it falls on a Sunday, as a working day for other educational establishments, public offices and Government departments.

Hitherto, it is pointed out, Empire Day has been a statutory holiday to be observed by educational establishments, public offices and Government Departments. It is not, however, a bank holiday and as business houses usually follow the lead of the banks, it is in effect a holiday for public servants and not for the public generally.

It also proposes to abolish the general holiday on the first Monday in September and to substitute instead a general holiday on the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival day or if that day should be a Sunday then on the following day.

This arrangement will suit the local banks and business houses as the Festival is observed by Banks and business houses in Shanghai whilst the first Monday in September is not. It is a lunar festival which during the next ten years will fall on various dates between September 10 and October 6, it is pointed out.

Mr. Choy Hing in his presidential address.

The following officers and standing committee members were re-elected en bloc: President: Mr. Choy Hing; Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Gock Chin, Choy Chang, Harr and William Yinson Lee; Secretaries: Mrs. Irene Law and Mr. Cok Young; Treasurer: Mr. Au Chin.

Standing Committee: The above officers and Mrs. Alice Choy, Messrs. Sun Yat-sun, Chan Wah-man, Chan Kwun-lok, W. J. Liu (in absentia), Ping Yu and Chan Wah-tung.

H.K. AUSTRALIAN
CHINESE ASSOC.

The Hongkong Australian Chinese Association, organized last June, had its first annual meeting at the St. Francis Hotel on Saturday afternoon under the chairmanship of Mr. Choy Hing, President of the Association.

That Mr. W. H. Donald, unofficial adviser to Generalissimo and Madame Chiang Kai-shek, had accepted honorary membership of the Association was announced by Wah-tung.

HERR HITLER'S DREAM

There's a story now current, though strange it may seem, Of the great Adolf Hitler and his wonderful dream. Being tired of his exploits he laid down in bed And amongst other things he dreamt he was dead, And in a fine coffin was lying-in-state With a guard of brave POLES who mourned for his fate. He wasn't long dead when he found to his cost That his soul, like his soldiers, had gone to be lost. On leaving the earth to Heaven he went straight And arriving up there gave a knock at the gate. But St. Peter looked out and in a voice loud and clear Said, "Scram, Adolf Hitler. You can't come in here." "Well," said Adolf, "that's very unkind, I suppose after this I must go to the devil." So he turned on his heel and off he did go At the top of his speed to the regions below. But when he got there he was full of dismay For while waiting outside he heard Old Nick say To his Imps: "Now look here, boys, I gave you a warning. I'm expecting Hitler here in the morning." But don't let him in, for to me it's quite clear He's a very bad man, so we don't want him here. If once he gets in, there'll be no end of quarrels. In fact, I'm afraid he'll corrupt our good morals." "O Satan, dear friend," Adolf then cried, "Excuse me for listening while waiting outside. If you don't let me in, where can I go?" "Indeed," said the Devil, "how should I know?" "O, do let me in. I am feeling quite cold." Said Hitler, quite anxious to enter Nick's fold. "Let me sit in a corner, no matter how hot." "No," said the Devil, "Most certainly not. We do not admit people for riches or help. Here's Sulphur and Matches, make Hell for yourself!" Then kicked Adolf out and vanished in smoke And just at that moment Hitler awoke. He jumped out of bed in a shivering sweat And said, "Well, that's a dream I shall never forget. That I can't go to Heaven I know damn well. But it's a bugger to be kicked out of Hell!"

FORMER S.M.C. CHAIRMAN TELLS OF SHANGHAI'S IMPORTANT ROLE IN EVENT OF WAR SPREADING TO FAR EAST

Should there be war between the United States and Japan, it would be in the best interests of the Japanese to neutralise the International Settlement in Shanghai, so it could still play the very important role of clearing house to the foreign trade of Nippon.

This opinion was expressed yesterday by Mr. Cornell S. Franklin, formerly Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, when interviewed yesterday. Mr. Franklin did

REQUESTS FROM ALL QUARTERS OF SHANGHAI COMMUNITY FOR MORE PAY

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—A tremendous increase in local currency cost of living in Shanghai, brought about by the fall in value of Shanghai's dollar and the lack of supplies through the war in Europe and the Japanese restrictions on allowing the entry of food into the Settlement, is being shown here by strikes and requests from all quarters of the community for higher wages.

Following the previous increases, the Shanghai Municipal Council of the International Settlement, after a scare caused by the recent strike of the Chinese constables of the Police Force, decided to grant 150 per cent high cost of living bonus to all the staff in the Municipal employ.

Immediately thereafter numerous members of the staff of factories and business companies in Shanghai demanded to be likewise treated.

The Chinese staff of the NORTH CHINA DAILY NEWS and the dozen of British newspapers in Shanghai, numbering some 3,000 went on strike yesterday, demanding a 200 per cent increase in wages. A compromise was reached today, with the company partially accepting the demands.

Meanwhile, a short strike by the Chinese constables of the Police Force in the French Concession on account of the same reasons, has just been settled with the promise of additional pay.

RUNNING COST
All utility companies are mainly working on the monthly basis as regards the cost of increasing charges for the services as the running cost of their services mount.

A shortage of rice, owing to the Japanese monopoly of all rice grown in Japanese-occupied China and the shipment thereof to Japan, is also causing a great concern. Large quantities have to be imported from Indo-China to cover the consumption and at present there are sufficient stocks here for two months, but the skyrocketing freight rates may lead to a further rise in price.

DEATH OF FR. KNOOSHETZ

BELGRADE, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The death is announced here of ex-Premier Father Knoshetz. He was regarded as one of the strongest supporters of the Axis in Yugoslavia and it is thought that his death would have important political repercussions.

As leader of the Catholic Slovenian Clericals, he played an important part in the struggle against the Serbs for the Concordat with the Vatican.

Possibility That Germany May Occupy Italy

The possibility, that Germany may occupy Italy is given in a Turkish paper, in an article headed "The Fate of Fascism," states a London message.

A German thrust towards Trieste may now be one of the realisations of an unexpectedly magnificent dream, says the paper, which adds that many hundreds of German officers and Gestapo agents have arrived in Italy to stiffen the Italian morale.

Large numbers of Nazi troops are being concentrated in South-Western Germany and Austria, according to information reaching DAILY NEWS, which stated that they have been smuggled out of Germany, says Reuter.

The report adds that Hitler has perfected a plan for a sudden drive into Northern

DUTCH YOUTHS SENTENCED

TOKYO, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Two Dutch youths sentenced to two weeks' imprisonment in a Police Court trial on Friday upon conviction of having spread anti-Japanese handbills in Bandung on Dec. 1, were released immediately after, says a Japanese report from Batavia.

One of them completed his sentence during detention, pending trial, while the other was given two years' probation. Both youths were strongly cautioned by the Judge against a repetition of their activities, the report adds.

Explanation Of Italian Defeat

The Italian Government, which has been trying to prepare the Italian people for the bad news, has now sought to give an explanation for their defeat in the Western Desert.

A Rome broadcast told the people yesterday that the British victory was due to British superiority in mechanised forces and also to the surprise nature of the attack. An excuse for this is given that on Dec. 9, weather conditions were so bad that air observation was difficult.

The broadcast assured the people that the Italian troops were still resisting, but asked them not to be too optimistic of results.

POSITION SERIOUS
"We do not deny the fact that the position is serious," said the broadcast, "but we deny that it is catastrophic." Referring to the question of how the British were able to take the offensive, the broadcast says: "Someone may ask whether we were not told that Britain was exhausted and hard pressed and approaching collapse? Was this not true?"

"Yes, it was true, but only in a certain sense and within certain limits."

The factor which had been left out of the Italian picture previously was the British Empire, with its vast resources, had been hurriedly mobilised against Italy. "We must not close our eyes to realities," declared this broadcast.

General Romano, writing in an Italian paper, is more frank about the situation. He says: "The chances of Germany defeating England are practically nil. Herr Hitler is possibly ready to sacrifice half a million men for this, but this cannot be successful unless the British Navy and the British Air Force are overwhelmed."

The German spokesman at the Foreign Office, who was questioned about this report, said he knew nothing about it, added the message from London.

NO TEARS WILL BE SHED

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"We do not know what was the cause of his disgrace, but the rift between him and the old Marshal must have been something big and fundamental. Whether the substitution of M. Flandin for M. Laval will change the Vichy policy it is difficult to speculate."

"M. Laval, we know, made all the running in the policy of collaboration with Germany. It was he who dragged Marshal Petain to meet Herr Hitler and subsequently M. Laval complained that there were certain people who were not co-operating in his plans for rapprochement with Germany."

"In his anti-British ardour, M. Laval was prepared to co-operate more extensively with Germany than others thought it wise. It was he who controlled the press to give it an anti-British flavour. It is certain that he was subservient to Germany in his whole attitude."

"In a sense, M. Laval may now be the scapegoat for the discontent in France and it will be interesting to see whether Vichy will be able to stand up better to Germany than Laval did. We must wait and see."

GARRISON BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament are down for decision today:—Fortress, R.E. v. C.M. Police; R.A.M.C. v. R.A.S.C.; R.A.O.C. v. 5th A.A.; 2/Royal Scots v. R.A.P.C.

"BULLS" BY BRITISH BOMBERS

Vital Junction In Nazi Canal System Is Practically Useless

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The famous DORTMUND EMS CANAL, a vital junction in the German canal system is unrecognisable and practically useless, as a result of "bulls" scored by the R.A.F. during more than 30 raids.

It was learned in London yesterday that 53 attacks have been made on rail targets centred on Berlin in the course of 55 raids on the German capital.

HAMM, a marshalling yard centre for transport services to German troops in the occupied territories, has been visited on no less than 85 occasions.

An attack on nearly every other night since October has been made on LORIENT and the dock area which the Germans are using as a submarine base has been plastered with bombs.

Sixty raids on COLOGNE resulted in the destruction of industrial works, munition factories and oil plants. There have been over 30 attacks on ROTTERDAM in addition to 20 concentrated attacks on the Rotterdam aerodrome at WALLHAVEN.

36 VISITS FROM R.A.F.
ESSEN has had 36 visits from the R.A.F. GELSENKIRCHEN 40 and BREMEN over 50. British bombers have swept over the Channel ports now in German hands almost every night. DUNKIRK has been attacked 40 times, while there have been 60 raids on BOULOGNE and 50 on CALAIS.

Apart from these terrific exertions, the R.A.F. is playing an invaluable part in the Middle East conflict and no effort has been spared in helping the Greeks.

The Libyan harbour of TOBRUK has been bombed 43 times and 14 raids have been made on TURIN.

BREST ATTACKED
Small formations of British bombers attacked Brest and Lorient on Saturday, states a London message. These ports are being used by the Germans as submarine bases.

British aircraft also made three raids on Naples, when a small naval vessel was reported to have been damaged. British planes were also reported to have bombed objectives in Eritrea.

THE WEATHER
Maximum temperature yesterday was 76 and the minimum 63. Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.60.

The Royal Observatory reports states:—

A moderate anti-cyclone is developing over Mongolia and Manchuria; pressure continues to be low in the Pacific to the east of the Visayas.

The colonies and protectorates will be hard to reconcile with the spectacle of their comrades in arms in an inglorious flight from the British in the same continent.

British and Greek victories against the Italians will certainly encourage free French sentiment in Africa as well as in France.

However, it is understood that General de Gaulle is bidding his time. One day, Free French believe that all French Africa will fall into their ranks, but meanwhile they are waiting.

FRENCH FLEET FATE
Of more immediate and practical utility, is the fate of the French Fleet, most of which is lying in African ports. Admiral Darlan, who still rules the French Navy, is believed to be adamant against permitting it to be used by the side of the British, but it is also known that he will rather scuttle every ship than allow the Germans to have it.

The personal position of General Weyand, who controls Africa for the Vichy Government, is too delicate to allow him to show sympathy with the Free French, but it is confidently believed that the defeat of the Italians will strengthen the French hands in the face of continual Axis demands.

The latest communique from Cairo states, "Operations are proceeding on the Libyan front where British troops continue to press the enemy. Heavy dust storms are raging, and visibility is bad."

Relief and joy have already been seen in Egypt which knows that the country is now safe from the possibility of an Italian invasion. More difficult to estimate are the consequences of a British victory in French Africa.

The position of the Italian armistice commissions, operating in

CHINESE ATTACK EAST HONAN

CHENGCHOW, Dec. 15 (Central).—In an attack on the Japanese near Kaifeng in east Honan on December 12, the Chinese inflicted 300 casualties, captured 24 Japanese alive and seized a number of rifles and machine-guns.

On the same day, a chance encounter took place between Chinese and Japanese units northwest of Kaoheng, near the Hopei border, resulting in the defeat of the enemy. Four Japanese military lorries were destroyed.

NANNING RECOVERY

NANNING, Dec. 15 (Central).—After one and a half months' Chinese re-occupation, Nanning is now well on the way to recovery.

More than 50,000 people have returned. All streets in the city have been cleared of ruins and houses are being rapidly put up. New hotels, restaurants and shops have been opened daily. The new newspapers, the Nanning Jih Pao and the Kwang Kwang Pao, have made their debut. The Nanning branch of the Bank of Kwangsi has also been opened while the power plant has resumed operations after repairs.

BAHAMAS SITE UNSUITED FOR NAVAL BASE

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The plans for a United States naval base in the Bahamas are in abeyance owing to the unsuitability of the site leased from Britain.

This was announced by President Roosevelt at a press conference on board the U.S. cruiser Tuscaloosa in which he has been visiting the Caribbean.

MEXICAN RUMOURS

It was insistently rumoured in Mexico City, though not officially confirmed, that an agreement has been reached with the United States for the construction of two naval bases, probably in Lower California.

Reports also persist that an American naval and military mission is likely to visit Mexico shortly.

ARTILLERY SHELLING HELL FIRE PASS

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The Italians are making a desperate stand in an endeavour to prevent the British Imperial forces from sweeping them off Egyptian soil altogether but the morale of all ranks of the Imperial forces is tremendous and Marshal Graziani's task will be a grim one.

The incredible speed of the British advance, placing mechanised forces some miles from the rail head, having covered many miles in five days, makes it difficult for reports of the operations to be received rapidly and the latest news is always being outstripped by events.

The sixth day of this great desert battle, and the fiercest fighting in progress in the neighbourhood of the Egyptian-Libyan frontier—proof that the British drive to the west is being carried on with full momentum.

The Italians, in their effort to stop the retreat, are putting up stubborn resistance against British advanced mechanised columns.

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The Italian discomfiture in Libya will have resounding effects throughout the Moslem world, where prestige rules above everything else, says Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

Relief and joy have already been seen in Egypt which knows that the country is now safe from the possibility of an Italian invasion. More difficult to estimate are the consequences of a British victory in French Africa.

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JAPAN FACING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL CRISIS

MOSCOW, Dec. 15 (Central).—Japan is facing a serious crisis both economically and politically and the present Kono-Hiranuma coalition is only a temporary expedient and is not likely to last long, said the RED STAR, the Soviet Army organ, in a lengthy article reviewing the present international situation. In part the article reads:

"Japan's war on China has been extremely costly. During the past three and a half years Japan has expended a grand total of Yen 18,000,000,000, which has precipitated the present serious economic crisis in the country resulting in the mounting increase of the national debt and the near exhaustion of the specie."

"If Japan is prepared to carry on prolonged hostilities in China and to embark upon her southward expansion programme, it is imperative that she must thoroughly reform her economic structure and internal policy."

CONTROL OPPOSITION

"The Kono Cabinet at present is trying to carry out the plan for the complete control of industry. This, however, has aroused the opposition of not only the business interests but also a section of the Diet and other influential leaders such as Gen. Sadao Araki and Lessi Uchida. The conflict between the Cabinet and its opponents is becoming more and more acute."

"The inclusion of Baron Hiranuma into the Cabinet is generally believed to be an attempt on the part of the Government to solve the present political crisis, and a concession to the rightist elements. The Japanese press expresses the view that the Kono-Hiranuma coalition is likely to produce significant changes in Japan's internal politics but considers that it is only a temporary compromise and can hardly be maintained for long."

Why Should Italy Be Worn Down?

The German Press, which has maintained indifference so far with regard to Italy's position in Greece and in Egypt, has at last made a comment on the latest developments, says a London message.

The VOELKISCHER BEOACHTER now reassures the German public that everything will be right in the end.

In the German opinion the situation in Greece and in Egypt gives no cause for doubt as to the final result.

The paper asks, "Why should Italy be worn down? Do the English really believe that Germany will look on while Italy is worn down?"

The paper adds that the whole question of military matters is receiving consideration in Germany.

This German newspaper's comment makes it clear that Germany cannot leave Italy in the lurch but Hitler only feels that any move by him might involve the Axis in further commitments. He realises that something has gone wrong and so this assurance is now given to the public.

Yachting CORINTHIAN SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Hongkong Yacht Club's 3rd Corinthian Series Championship Race over 9.5 miles on Saturday resulted as follows:—

Finished Posta. Pts.
Gull 17.05.37 1 41
(Capt. A. O. G. MUIR)
Artemis 17.08.19 2 42
(Mr. G. G. WOODS)
Joos 17.10.05 3 38
(Major G. E. NEVE)
La Linda 17.10.59 4 30
(Mr. C. C. Blake)
Petrel 17.12.59 5 28
Tyronne Chai 17.15.09 6 14
(Mr. E. Hutmeler)
Maureen 17.16.00 7 32
True Blue 17.24.41 8 18
Koala 17.24.53 9 15
Painted Lady 17.25.28 10 14
Kittiwake 17.38.12 11 12
Jean 17.41.10 12 6
Isobel D.N.F. 12

MIXED CLASS
Ailsa 17.24.55 1 31
Diana 17.29.40 2 9
Eryl 17.53.23 3 16
Wildgeon 17.34.05 4 8
Owl 17.38.12 5 17
Wendy D.N.F. 16

TEST CRICKETER KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—Pilot Officer George Macaplay, former England and Yorkshire cricketer, died on active service.

BRITISH ENVOY COUSIN OF LORD LOTHIAN

CHUNGKING, Dec. 15 (Central).—Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, British Ambassador to China, is deeply grieved over the death of Lord Lothian, British Ambassador to the United States, who was his cousin.

In an interview yesterday, Sir Archibald revealed that Lord Lothian was the head of the Kerr clan. He was 58 years old and unmarried.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—New York's fourth underground line "Sixth Avenue Subway" was opened one minute past midnight, after a ceremony conducted by Mayor La Guardia. The line cost nearly \$80,000,000 and took four years to build.

Civilisation v. Barbarism

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 15 (Reuter).—The conviction that Britain was fighting a battle for civilisation against barbarism, was expressed by LORD WILLINGTON, before he left here with members of the British Economic Mission for Montevideo.

Lord Willington added: "The day of our victory must be a new starting point in the history of civilisation. In such a cause, there can be no wavering or weakening. The countries in Europe defeated or victorious will inevitably be exhausted by the fight."

"Countries in South America who have been able tranquilly to develop arts of peace will have the opportunity of contributing to the new order based not on barbarism, but on the basis of true appreciation of moral and spiritual values. That is the aim set before us in attaining of which I see Argentina will play a prominent part."

RACE MEETING RESULTS

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Emergency Unit	281	333
Eve of Hunting	135	121
Jane Doe	539	488
Just in Time	63	122
Lovely Star	84	114
Potential	431	517
Roh Roy	752	890
Royal Wedding Eve	32	170
Scenic View	10	30
Taxing Master	2041	2671

b580 6714

RACE THREE

Double Finesse led the field from the start to the straight, highly pursued by Australian Prince and Devonian, with Criffel and Tornado Star following.

At the incline Australian Prince attempted to overtake the leader with the result that it faded out of the running when the home stretch was reached.

When opposite the public stands Criffel spurred and drew level with Devonian. Vixen Tor, coming in from the outside, passed Devonian when opposite the weighing rooms but was beaten, by a short head, to the post by Criffel the then-leader.

Tornado Star was fourth.

3-30 p.m.—Dilatory Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. John Peck's Criffel, 147 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. G. Tinsan's Vixen Tor, 142 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 2

Lady Northcote's Devonian, 153 lbs. (Mr. G. Trevelton) 3

Won by a short head, two lengths between second and third.

Time: 1:45.

Parl Mutuel:—

Winner: \$15.00.

Places: \$5.40; \$5.70; \$5.40.

Also ran:—Australian Prince 130 lbs. (S. W. Pan); Double Finesse 141 lbs. (P. P. Botelho); Tornado Star 157 lbs. (D. H. S. Craven).

Betting

	Win. Place
Australian Prince	323 218
Criffel	1789 1648
Devonian	1885 1828
Double Finesse	138 151
Tornado Star	1068 718
Vixen Tor	888 1007

6079 5570

RACE FOUR

Eve of Harvest took the lead from the rise of the gate, followed by Craigavad, and Confusion Bay to the first time up the incline when Confusion Bay went up to second position.

On passing the Rock for the first time Eve of Harvest was still leading with Confusion Bay second, and Burford strongly coming up from the outside.

Passing the Rock the second time, the leader faded out. Eve of Harvest took the lead followed by Burford and O-Lan which was left badly at the start.

This order was maintained up to the winning post.

Craigavad was fourth.

4-30 p.m.—Hongkong Autumn Handicap (One and a Quarter Miles)

Mr. T. K. L.'s Confusion Bay, 161 lbs. (Mr. S. L. Sump) 1

Mr. Quartermaster's Burford, 151 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 2

Mr. T. K. L.'s O-Lan, 158 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 3

Won by a head, half a length between second and third.

Time: 2:10.4 (Record).

Parl Mutuel:—

Winner: \$47.24.

Places: \$19.40; \$12.00.

Also ran:—Craigavad, 161 lbs. (P. P. Botelho); Eve of Harvest 158 lbs. (W. H. S. Davis).

Betting

	Win. Place
Burford	2453 601
Confusion Bay	627 289
Craigavad	310 201
Eve of Harvest	2818 1249
O-Lan	989 565

7742 2905

RACE FIVE

Don Black rode a very well judged race when he brought Warrego River in a length and a half in front of Bredon.

Winnie took the lead followed by Cocklerol and Annabella with Warrego River second from the fall-out.

On passing the Rocks, Annabella took second position with Bredon third and Cocklerol fourth.

Coming into the straight Annabella was passed by both Bredon and Cocklerol with Warrego River coming up strongly.

At the stands Warrego River overtook the leader and ran in winner a length and a half ahead of Bredon with Cocklerol another length behind. Bruno was fourth.

2-40 p.m.—Laggard's Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. Gredmak's Warrego River, 149 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. G. Tinsan's Bredon, 142 lbs. (Mr. T. W. Chatley) 2

Mr. Nye's Cocklerol, 158 lbs. (Mr. J. K. Yip) 3

Won by a length and a half, a

length between second and third. Time: 1:48.3.

Parl Mutuel:—

Winner: \$8.10.

Places: \$4.70; \$10.10; \$7.20.

Also ran:—A Green Time 141 lbs. (P. P. Botelho); Annabella 150 lbs. (Hoo Fak Ming); Bruno 158 lbs. (G. Trevelton); Winnie 151 lbs. (L. B. Chao).

Betting

	Win. Place
A Green Time	384 372
Annabella	251 324
Bredon	468 388
Bruno	439 519
Cocklerol	1512 924
Warrego River	3681 2790
Winnie	897 686

7582 6004

RACE SIX

There was never any doubt as to the result of this race for jumping off to a good start, Sapper led all the way to the winning post.

Viceroy which was second up to the Rock was displaced by Baffin Bay, the only other starter, when the Rock was passed.

When inside 100 yards of the winning post Baffin Bay made a strong challenge but was beaten to the post by a length, with Viceroy a short head behind.

6-40 p.m.—Queensland Autumn Handicap (One and a Quarter Miles)

Mr. A. E. Grasett's Sapper, 155 lbs. (Mr. W. H. S. Davis) 1

Mr. T. K. L.'s Baffin Bay, 155 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2

Mr. Vija's Viceroy, 155 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 3

Won by a length, a short head between second and third.

Time: 2:16.4.

Parl Mutuel:—

Winner: \$6.40.

Places: \$4.10.

Betting

	Win. Place
Baffin Bay	618 84
Sapper	2904 455
Viceroy	673 68

4195 627

RACE SEVEN

Colorado Star took the lead followed by Surprise Again and Sea Urchin.

At the Rock Sea Urchin went up to second place and enjoyed a short-lived lead from the village bend to the straight, after which it dropped out of the running.

Surprise Again and Roofly were running neck-to-neck at the distance post when Quick Despatch came up strongly from the outside to take the lead.

Quick Despatch was first, Roofly second, Surprise Again third, and Colorado Star fourth.

7-50 p.m.—Lingerers' Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. Kwok Hin Wang's Quick Despatch, 160 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. Ellandee's Roofly, 165 lbs. (Mr. V. V. Needa) 2

Mr. G. W. Sewell's Surprise Again, 151 lbs. (Mr. L. B. Chao) 3

Won by a length, half a length between second and third.

Time: 1:48.1.

Parl Mutuel:—

Winner: \$10.20.

Places: \$5.80; \$7.20; \$3.70.

Also ran:—Amber II 160 lbs. (S. W. Pan); Colorado Star 138 lbs. (W. H. S. Davis); Dick Turpin 143 lbs. (P. Y. T. Wei); Forehand Drive 140 lbs. (Tang Man Wa); Longdon 141 lbs. (T. W. Chatley); Lovely Kid 130 lbs. (P. A. Sequera); Rising Star 163 lbs. (L. B. Chao); Sea Urchin 135 lbs. (D. H. S. Craven).

Betting

	Win. Place
Amber II	153 180
Colorado Star	299 328
Dick Turpin	424 350
Forehand Drive	19 32
Longdon	656 680
Lovely Kid	19 51
Quick Despatch	3573 3142
Rising Star	978 651
Roofly	1463 1106
Sea Urchin	168 177
Surprise Again	568 671

5298 7260

RACE EIGHT

After leading all the way from the starting gate to the distance post, Sunlight View faded completely out of the picture.

Jack O'Lantern, with Don Black up, which was contented to follow Sunlight View, then took the lead and maintained it to the winning post.

Salvage Master and Piet Hein both made a final challenge to the leader. At the members' stands, Salvage Master spurred to run in second, a length behind Jack O'Lantern. Piet Hein was third a length behind Salvage Master, while The Leopard was fourth.

2-40 p.m.—Final Handicap (One Mile)

Mr. Constant Bull's Jack O'Lantern, 142 lbs. (Mr. D. Black) 1

Mr. Wang Sul Ngai's Salvage Master, 158 lbs. (Mr. H. L. Tao) 2

Mr. Holland's Piet Hein, 150 lbs. (Mr. P. P. Botelho) 3

Won by a length and a half, a

NARROW WIN FOR ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

SING TAO

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beaten all the way. A Leonard and Cruz both missed opportunities of drawing level and it was only through the brilliant play of Lee Tin-sang and Hau Yung-sang that Sing Tao both points.

Cruz, at outside-right, played a very much improved game, while Gomes, at inside-right, was the most outstanding player in the Saints' team was however, the halfbacks, with Fernandes a tower of strength to the opposing forwards. D. Leonard and Hussain, full backs, were rather shaky under pressure but settled down later.

Notable absentees from the Sing Tao team were Leung Wing-chiu, Chu Ah-fai and Cheung Wing-chol, while the Saints were without the services of C. Santos, who is at present in Macao.

SING TAO:—Chee Siu-hang; Hau Yung-sang, Lee Tin-sang; Sim Yau-sang, Soong Ling-sing, Luk Tai-hang; Tang Kwong-sum, Fung King-cheong, Kwok Ying-kee, Lai Shiu-wing and Lau Tau-man.

ST. JOSEPH'S:—S. Tsang; A. J. Hussain, D. Leonard; W. Maher, G. Fernandes, Lau Wing-kwong; S. Cruz, J. Gomes, Man Chee-kee, Macdonald and A. Leonard.

DULL ENCOUNTER

In a very dull Second Division encounter, Sing Tao and 30th R.A. drew each side scoring two goals on the Club ground yesterday.

Although the Chinese combined better and for the most part were attacking, the Gunners were quick to take advantage of their opportunities and thoroughly deserved one point.

The losers were best served by Guy, at centre-half, and Round, centre-forward.

SING TAO:—Siu Tin-ling; Leung In-chun, Mak Shu-hon; Au She-nock, Lai Kwok-chiu, Tam Chan-fai; Chee Kam-sing, Fook Chiu-chung, Lau Tin-san, Fung Kwai-shing and Cheong Moong-wing.

30TH R.A.:—Woodridge; Tuckley, Hole; Tate, Guy, Park; Marshall, Webber, Round, Flanders and Ward.

Won by a length, the same between second and third. Time: 2:06.

Parl Mutuel:—

Winner: \$46.00.

Places: \$11.00; \$10.50; \$11.50.

Also ran:—Royal Highness 151 lbs. (P. Y. T. Wei); Sunlight View 163 lbs. (P. Y. T. Wei); The Leopard 162 lbs. (L. B. Chao).

Betting

	Win. Place
Jack O'Lantern	825 465
Piet Hein	720 710
Royal Highness	2021 1128
Salvage Master	1477 832
Sunlight View	3320 2040
The Leopard	543 284

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CASH SWEEPS

RACE 1

No. 2583 \$3,015.60

No. 5519 861.80

No. 4195 430.80

Tickets Nos. 2293, 4658 get \$50 each.

RACE 2

No. 2055 \$3,001.60

No. 5551 871.60

No. 4195 428.80

Tickets Nos. 3485, 444, 4998, 5198, 550, 1284, 3059, 6102, 6133, 5907 get \$50 each.

RACE 3

No. 3724 \$3,253.00

No. 3813 858.00

No. 1908 478.00

Tickets Nos. 4627, 4858, 1516 get \$50 each.

RACE 4

No. 4980 \$3,547.60

No. 37 1,013.80

No. 1978 209.80

Tickets Nos. 2888, 2042 get \$50 each.

RACE 5

No. 6772 \$3,564.00

No. 3235 1,624.00

No. 2370 512.00

Tickets Nos. 1293, 1503, 6072, 3927 get \$50 each.

RACE 6

No. 1740 \$7,128.80

No. 1248 2,636.30

No. 5238 1,018.40

Tickets Nos. 2904, 6328, 4779 get \$100 each.

RACE 7

No. 7244 \$3,163.20

No. 4177 1,876.20

No. 9455 337.60

Tickets Nos. 426, 37, 4077, 6981, 5309, 1533, 6442, 832 get \$50 each.

RACE 8

No. 331 \$7,238.00

No. 3309 2,668.00

No. 4651 1,634.00

Tickets Nos. 2904, 6328, 4779 get \$100 each.

AT CENTRAL

FALSE PRETENCES

Appearing on remand before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday on a charge of obtaining money by false pretences, Cheung Hing-chau, 32, unemployed, was sentenced to two months' hard labour.

Cheung was charged with obtaining \$100 from a married woman, Leung Sze, 42, at the National City Bank of New York on Nov. 22 by falsely pretending that he was an employee of the Bank. Cheung disappeared after cashing a cheque for \$100 for Leung but was arrested a few days later when seen wandering round the Bank.

It will be recalled defendant was remanded one week to see if he could pay back the money to complainant.

Det.-Sgt. W. Summers prosecuted.

THEFT OF BICYCLE

Lai Sai, 24, of No. 12 Cross St. second floor, appeared before Mr. Lowry on Saturday on a charge of stealing a bicycle from Wong Lai, 26, of No. 4 Fung Wong Terrace.

Sgt. J. R. Sykes, prosecuting, said that complainant, a messenger boy of the International Trading Co., saw defendant wheeling away his bicycle, parked outside the office building at Ice House Street, at 3:30 p.m. on Friday. On being questioned by him, defendant dropped the bicycle and ran away. He gave chase and defendant was caught.

Asked what was his occupation, defendant replied that he was an actor.

He was sentenced one month's hard labour.

COMMON GAMING HOUSE

Wong Sau, 28, unemployed hawker, of No. 18 W. Pak St., Aberdeen, first floor, was charged with keeping his house as a common gaming house, and 12 others were charged with playing in the gaming house, when they appeared before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett on Saturday.

The raid on the house in question was made at 7:45 p.m. on Friday.

Of the 12 defendants, only two appeared in Court. They were cautioned and later discharged.

First defendant's bail of \$50 and the rest of \$2 were estreated when they failed to turn up.

Five dollars and ninety-seven cents picked up were placed in the Poor Box, while gambling paraphernalia and dice were confiscated.

Sub-Inspector G. C. Taylor prosecuted.

GAMBLERS FINED

Lam Shing, 42, unemployed, and Lam Muk, 34, unemployed, were charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry on Saturday with keeping a gaming house at No. 9 Tsung Sau Street West, ground floor.

Sgt. J. R. Sykes, prosecuting, said that first defendant was banker and second defendant collector of money when a police party raided the house in question at 10 p.m. on Friday night.

Both pleaded guilty and each was fined \$30 or one month's hard labour.

Twenty-five others were charged with gambling in the house. Nineteen failed to appear and their bails of \$5 each were estreated. The remainder, pleading guilty, were fined \$2 each.

Table money, amounting to \$4.21 was donated to the poor box, while the gaming gear was confiscated.

BANISHED GAOLIER

Charged with breach of deportation order, Chan Kam, unemployed, with no fixed abode, appeared before Mr. Lowry on Saturday when he was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Defendant had five previous convictions, and was expelled for life after he came out of prison three months ago.

Asked why he returned, he said that he was indicted with heroin and had to come back to ask money from his sister for treatment.

Finance and Commerce

MEAT RATIONS TO BE CUT

Lord Woolton Warns Against Hoarding

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter). — "We shall have to live more simply and deliberately in the future," warns Lord Woolton, the Minister of Food.

"I would remind the public that it is against the law to hoard and if I find any hoarders I will deal with them remorselessly, ruthlessly—and with intense pleasure!"

The Ministry of Food announces that in the next few days there is a possibility that in certain parts of the country the meat supplies might be less than usual.

There is a possible shortage owing to transport difficulties in these areas, and the need to use imported meat from reserve stocks to make up for the lack of home-killed meat.

All possible steps, including the provision of adequate transport, will be carried out to meet the circumstances.

Proposed Rationing Of Tobacco Denied

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter). — The Tobacco Controller denies that there are any proposals for the rationing of tobacco and cigarettes in Britain.

He had heard complaints about

JAPANESE WANT INDO-CHINA RICE

Demand Presented To Hanoi Govt.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 15 (Reuter). — The Japanese have demanded that the Indo-China authorities prohibit the shipment of Saigon rice to Hanoi report to the Shanghai Sin Wen Pao yesterday.

Whether this included the shipment of rice from Indo-China to other "Free China" areas is still unknown.

Motive of this Japanese demand, the report states, is believed to be due to a desire to secure all supplies of rice from Indo-China for Japanese demands.

Current reports that the Japanese are trying to secure supplies of rice in Indo-China appear to have been partially confirmed, as the French authorities have now issued an order prohibiting rice to be exported to Kwangchow-wan.

supplies from wholesalers and retailers but none from the Man-in-the-Street that he could not get a smoke.

What difficulties there were due to distribution, which in some places has been upset by raids.

U.S. DEFENCE PRODUCTION

STRONG APPEAL TO INDUSTRIALISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (Reuter). — A speed-up in America's defence production was urged yesterday by Mr. William Knudsen, Defence Commissioner, in an address to an audience that included America's leading industrialists.

Mr. Knudsen asserted that a speed-up in defence production was imperative, and disclosed that aircraft production in the United States was 30 per cent. behind production schedules prepared last July.

He contended that the week-end closing down of factories (which he referred to as a "black-out") tended to defeat production, and urged industrialists to "talk to your men and ask them what they think of a civilisation that drives women and children to live in cold wet holes in the ground."

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

December 14.
A firm undertone with renewed enquiries rules the market at the close.

BUYERS
H.K. Banks, \$1,380.
Bank of East Asia, \$74.
Canton Ins., \$185.
Wharves, \$92.
Docks (Old), \$17.75.
Providents, \$5.45.
Hotels, \$3.45.
Lands, \$33.50.
Realities, \$3.70.
Trams, \$17.50.
Star Ferries, \$59.50.
Electric (Old), \$40.
Electric (New), \$39.50.
Watsons, \$10.30.
Entertainments, \$7.
Constructions (Old), \$1.60.

SELLERS
Realities, \$3.95.
Electric (Old), \$40.50.
Vibro Piling, \$7.70.

SALES
Docks (Old), \$18.
Providents, \$5.50.
Lands, \$33.75.
Trams, \$17.65/70.
Cements, \$18.20.

Duke Of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund

LONDON, Dec. 15 (Reuter). — Over \$4,000,000 has been subscribed so far to the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross Fund.

Some £200,000 from the "Red Cross Penny-a-Week Fund" was handed over on Friday afternoon. About £400,000 (66,000,000 pence) have so far been raised by wage-earners and small salary workers who are contributing a penny a week from their pay.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., Dec. 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.07 in.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 77 per cent.

Wind Direction, E/N

Wind Force (Beaufort), 1.

Temperature, maximum yesterday, 75 F.

Temperature, Minimum last night, 63 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.59 ins.

Against an average of, 84.60 ins.

Sunrise tonight, 5.41 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 5.55 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 15.

Barometer (at sea level), 29.97 in.

Temperature, 74 F.

Humidity, 65 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESW.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Maximum temperature, 76 F.

Minimum temperature, 63 F.

Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 16 to 23 Dec. 1940.

High — Low WATER

Day of Month

Time

Height

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WATCHERS OF THE SKIES

How The Observer Corps Aids The Fighter Pilots

LONDON.—Not so very long before war started the men who gave up some of their leisure time to watch and listen for aircraft were regarded as slightly eccentric, overgrown school-boys whose refusal to grow up took the form of liking to "play at war." Their activities were smiled at with the superior tolerance of grown-ups for adolescent pastimes. Now the whole country has reason to be grateful for the foresight which these men displayed, for they have emerged as the eyes and ears of Britain's defences against air attacks.

Without the Observer Corps our fighters, anti-aircraft guns, search-lights, and balloons would be working largely in the dark; their counter-blows would be more or less guess-work.

Thanks to the existence of this splendid organisation no German aircraft can cross any part of our coast by day or night without being seen or heard, its direction and height known and its progress and activities reported from second to second. It may fly high or low, it may twist and turn and steer a crazy course, but always its presence remains known to the defence centres.

THE BEGINNINGS

The idea existed in embryo towards the end of the last War, when men stood on high ground here and there in the areas which enemy aircraft were known to cross. Binoculars to their eyes. If an aeroplane approached they rang up the police station and reported it. But after the Armistice there followed a period in which it was regarded as almost indecent to think about the country's defence.

Little was done until 1922, when a few stalwarts got together under the leadership of Major-General E. B. Ashcore, who had directed London's air defence during the last War. By 1925 the Observer Corps in its present form was under way. During the years of uneasy peace, when preparations for war were still frowned upon, recruits for the Observer Corps were sworn in as "special constables."

While people sneered, smiled, or ignored them, according to how they felt about things, the spotters put in hours of practice. By the Munich crisis week of September, 1938, most of the posts could have been fully manned. A month before war broke out the Air Ministry gave the corps official recognition and took it under its wing.

It sanctioned payment of 1s. 3d. a working hour for all volunteers. Most of the men did not take the money; they had volunteered out of a sense of duty and not to find themselves a war-time job. Many still do not accept payment, or if they do they devote the money to a Spitfire fund or some war charity.

Today there are between 1,000 and 2,000 special posts, covering Great Britain and Northern Ireland, manned by more than 40,000 trained watchers. These posts are in constant direct telephonic communication with area centres, which in turn are linked, directly or indirectly, with the R.A.F. fighters, the anti-aircraft guns, searchlights, balloons, police, and fire brigades. Each of the posts has been placed at a spot where the men can command an uninterrupted view for miles.

RAIDERS' ROUTES PLOTTED

"Directly" they see or hear an aeroplane they report to the centre its nationality, type, location, direction, and height, and they follow it until it is outside their area, by which time the centre is getting similar information from the next post. In this way the movements of our own aircraft are checked and the raiders' routes are plotted until they return home or are shot down.

The watchers also keep a lookout for fires, and report where bombs are dropped. Occasionally they give news of black-out offences, burglaries, or suspicious acts. Sometimes they report aerial battles and crashes, or tell the centre that aircraft have baled out.

The scene at a centre suggests a giant game of halma. Most of the space is occupied by a table which is covered by a chart representing the whole of the area under the centre's control. The chart is sub-divided into hundreds of small, numbered squares. Around the table sit a dozen men wearing headphones, each listening to three posts.

When a post reports the presence of an enemy aircraft a coloured counter is put into the appropriate square. As the aircraft moves, so the counter follows it. The "plotters" as they are

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1 " Black & White Whisky
1 " Gordon's Dry Gin
1 " Courvoisier V. O. Brandy
1 " Sandeman Brown Brandy
1 " Sandeman Partner Port
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special training. They wear civilian clothes, with an arm-band bearing the words "Observer Corps," and a black beret in which is pinned the corps badge. By a happy choice the badge illustrates the beams lit at the time of the Spanish Armada, over which is the appropriate inscription "Forewarned is Forearmed."

When the details of an aircraft have been obtained the information is handed on to the centre something like this: "Three Me. 109s, approaching Hendon at 12,000ft., flying north-west, or 'A' large formation of Heinkel 111s overhead our post; height 16,000ft., heading due south."

Often the information concerns friendly aircraft, but reports are made just the same. At night the plotting is done by sound.

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On Shanghai:—	On demand 390
On Singapore:—	On demand 52 3/4
On Japan:—	On demand 102 1/2
On India:—	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2
On New York:—	Bank Bills, on demand 23 3/8
Credits, 60 days sight 24 1/4	On Batavia:—
On demand 43 3/4	On Paris:—
Bank Bills, on demand Nom.	Credits 4 months sight Nom.
On Saigon:—	On demand 101 1/2
On Manila:—	On demand 46 3/4
On Bangkok:—	On demand 148 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	Bank Buying Rate Nom.
Bar Silver per oz. 22 7/8	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
December 14.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 22 7/8 for Ready and 22 1/2 for Forward. Silver advances reported, the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 Dec. Jan., buyers at 1/3 1/2 Cash.

U.S. DOLLARS

Sellers for Cash at 23 11/16, buyers, bidding 23 3/4.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Opened with sellers at 40 1/2. Business was arranged at various rates, the market closing with sellers at 40 3/4, buyers at 40 1/2.

SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling opened with sellers at 32 3/2. Last advice indicated sellers at 34 5/8. U.S. Dollars were quoted at 57 7/8 for Spot throughout the day.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Dec. 14 (Reuters).
Official T.T. Rates

	Opening	Closing
London	0/3-11/16	5-3/4
New York	24-3/8	24-3/8
Japan	20-3/8	20-3/8
India	24-1/2	24-1/2

Sterling

	Opening	Closing
Spot	0/3-23/32	0/3-45/64
Dec.	0/3-23/32	0/3-45/64
Jan.	0/3-45/64	0/3-11/16

U.S. Dollars

	Opening	Closing
Spot	32-7/8	35-7/8
Dec.	32-7/8	35-7/8
Jan.	32-7/8	35-7/8

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 14 (Reuters).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 14 (Reuters).
Govt. 3 1/2% Rupee, 94-0-0.

SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER.
Bombay, Dec. 14 (Reuters).
Market—Steady. Offer 50 bars.

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 13 (Reuters).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, 2257-1/8.

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14, 1940.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 14	Change
S P O T	33-5/8	33-3/4	unch.
JAN-MARCH	33-1/8	33-1/4	up 1/8
APRIL-JUNE	33-3/4	33-7/8	up 1/4

The market was quiet.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous Close	Dec. 14	Change
S P O T	12-1/16	12-1/8	
JANUARY	12-1/16	12-1/8	
FEBRUARY	12-1/16	12-1/8	
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/16	12-1/8	
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/16	12-1/8	

Previous close Today's close

NEW YORK COTTON: Lack of immediate incentive, the market likely moves with moderate limits for the time being but with upward tendency as January contracts approach maturity.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Consumption of Rubber in the United States in November totalled 54,852 tons, stocks 278,943 tons and supplies afloat 158,095 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Lack of buying incentive, the market looks lower.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 132.35; Today's close, 132.31; Change, off .04.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTERS SERVICE)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.22	10.17	10.18	.02 off
New York Rubber, March	20.00	20.45	20.51	.06 off
Chicago Wheat, May	85 1/2	85 1/4	85 1/4	.01 off
Chicago Corn, May	59 1/2	59 1/4	59 1/4	.01 off
New York Hides, March	12.70	12.65	12.71	.01 off

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

Dec. (New contract) 10.18/18

January 10.08 N 10.09 1/16 10.09 .02 off

March 10.19/20 10.22/23 10.17/17 .03 off

May 10.12/12 10.14/15 10.11/11 .01 off

July 9.93/93 9.95/94 9.91/91 .02 off

October 9.39/39 9.38/38 9.38 .01 off

Spot 10.20 N 10.17 .03 off

Total sales Friday—87,700 bales.

NEW YORK RUBBER

January 20.70b unquoted 20.68b .02 off

March 20.51b 20.55a 20.45b .06 off

May 20.30b 20.25b/31a 20.25b .05 off

July (New contract) 20.15b 20.15a 20.10 .05 off

Total sales—40 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May 85 1/2 85 1/4 85 1/4 .01 off

July 80 1/2 80 1/4 80 1/4 .01 off

Friday's sales—Unreceived.

CHICAGO CORN

May 59 1/2 59 1/4 59 1/4 .01 off

July 59 1/2 59 1/4 59 1/4 .01 off

NEW YORK HIDES

March 12.71/71 12.68b/75a 12.70b .01 off

June 12.49/49 12.40b/51a 12.44/44 .05 off

Total sales for the day—17 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver 34-3/4 unquoted

N.Y.-London Cross Rate 403-1/2 403-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, Dec. 13.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

	1940	1939
War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	102-5/8	101
Defence Loan, 3%	101	101
London Loan, 5%	101	101
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan, 1938 (Brit. Issue)	44	44
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	42-47	42-47
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	26 1/2	26 1/2
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	34	34
Chinese 8 1/2% Star Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	10	10
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5%	47	47
Loan	16 1/2	16 1/2
Hankow Rly. 5%	15	15
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (U.P. N.Y. Issue)	15	15
Hukwang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	13	13
Lung Tsing & U. Hal. Rly. 5%, 1913	14	14
Shanghai Rly. 5%	16	16
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	15	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	15	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15	15
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	15	15
Jan. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	30	30
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	6	6
Chartered Bank	8 1/2	8 1/2
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	78	78
H.K. & Shanghai Bank (Cal. Reg.)	81	81
Chinese Eng. & Mining (Becker)	16 3/4	16 3/4
Chosen Corporation	47	47
Mercantile Bank of India, 25, "G"	10 1/2	10 1/2

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

(REUTERS SERVICE)

DECEMBER 15, 1940

STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 14	STOCKS	Last Sale	Dec. 14
Adams Express	51	Loew's Inc.	33 1/2		
Allegan Steel Co.	23 1/2	Loft Incorporated	19 1/2		
Allis Chalmers	37	Mack Truck Inc.	26 1/2		
Aluminum Ltd.	75 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	32 1/2		
Amer. Can.	87 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	24 1/2		
American Cyanamid B.	35 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2		
Amer. & Foreign Power	1 1/2	Mountain City Copper Co.	3 1/2		
Amer. Locomotive	15 1/2	National Aviation	10 1/2		
Amer. Metals Co.	18 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2		
Amer. Radiator	5 1/2	National Distillers	24		
Amer. Rolling Mill	15 1/2	National Lead	17 1/2		
Amer. S. & W. R. Co.	45 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7 1/2		
Amer. Sugar Refining	14 1/2	National Supply Corp.	6 1/2		
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	18 1/2	New York Central	13 1/2		
Amer. Tobacco, "B"	69 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	3		
Amer. Waterworks	7 1/2	N. American Aviation	17		
Anacosta Copper	27 1/2	North American Co.	16 1/2		
Atchafalca, T. & S. Fe.	17 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2		
Aviation Corp.	4 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44		
Baldwin Locomotive	17 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	28 1/2		
Baltimore & Ohio	34	Packard Motors	3 1/2		
Barber Asphalt Co.	10 1/2	Pan-American Airways	15 1/2		
Barnsdall Oil	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	10 1/2		
Bendix Aviation	33 1/2	Pennsylvania RR.	22 1/2		
Bethlehem Steel	88 1/2	Philadelphia Read. Coal	4 1/2		
Bills & Co.	17 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	40		
Boeing Airplane Co.	20 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	26 1/2		
Borg-Warner	20 1/2	Pullman Inc.	8 1/2		
Briggs Mfg.	28	Pure Oil	41		
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	5 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	13 1/2		
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	58 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	4 1/2		
Case, J.I.	27 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	5 1/2		
Chesapeake & Ohio	42 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2		
Chrysler Corp.	70 1/2	Republic Steel	22 1/2		
Columbia Gas & Elec.	44	Revere Corp.	12 1/2		
Commercial Credit Co.	29 1/2	Reynold Tobacco, "B"	32		
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	13 1/2	Safeway Stores	42		
Consolidated Edison	22 1/2	Schenley Distillers	11 1/2		
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2	Sears Roebuck	77 1/2		
Continental Can	37 1/2	Shill Union Oil	11 1/2		
Continental Oil	19 1/2	Socomey-Vacuum Oil	6 1/2		
Copperweld Steel	18 1/2	Southern Pacific	8		
Curtis Wright (C.)	9 1/2	Southern Ry. & Pfd.	22 1/2		
Deere & Co.	21 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	36		
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	19	Standard Brands	1		
Douglas Aircraft	78 1/2	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2		
Du Pont de Nemours	164 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	33 1/2		
Eaton Mfg. Co.	35 1/2	Stone & Webster	7 1/2		
Elec. Auto. Lte.	41	Studebaker Corp.	8		
Elec. Bond & Share	58 1/2	Swift International	18 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share 35 pf.	67 1/2	Technical	9 1/2		
Elec. Bond & Share 38 pf.	67 1/2	Texas Corp.	40		
Elec. Power & Light 37 pf.	33 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	30 1/2		
Flintkote	15 1/2	Timken-Able	29 1/2		
Gen. American Trans.	54 1/2	Trans-America Co.	47		
Gen. Electric	33 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	61		
Gen. Motors	50 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	12 1/2		
Gen. Railway Signal	15 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	7 1/2		
Gen. Tire & Rubber	12 1/2	Union Pacific	78		
Gillette Co.	13 1/2	United Aircraft	43 1/2		
Goodrich (B.F.)	13 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	15 1/2		
Goodrich 35 pf.	63 1/2	United Corp.	21 1/2		
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	United Corp. 37 cum pl.	2 1/2		
Great Northern Iron Ore	15 1/2	United Gas Corp.	9 1/2		
Great Northern Rly. pfd.	27 1/2	United Gas Improvement	1		
Great Western Sugar	20 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23		
Greyhound Corp.	11	U.S. Rubber 38 pfd.	87 1/2		
Hercules Powder Co.	70 1/2	U.S. Smelting	64		
Homestake Mining	53 1/2	U.S. Steel	69 1/2		
Int. Nickel	24 1/2	Vanadium	34		
Inter. Paper & Power	18	Vulcan Aircraft	8 1/2		
Int. Tel. & Tel.	22 1/2	Walworth Co.	5 1/2		
Kennecott Copper	35 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	38		
Lakey Foundry & Mac.	34 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	103 1/2		
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	43	Woodward Iron Corp.	32 1/2		
Lockheed Aircraft	28 1/2	Chase National Bank	—		
		National City Bank	—		

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National Supply Corp. 6 1/2

New York Central 13 1/2

Niagara Hudson Power 3

N. American Aviation 17

North American Co. 16 1/2

Northern Pacific 6 1/2

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Pacific Gas & Elec. 28 1/2

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THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT LINES' VESSEL, THE S.S. PRESIDENT JACKSON, ARRIVED HERE ON HER MAIDEN VOYAGE AROUND THE WORLD, YESTERDAY MORNING, berthing at 8.15 a.m. She had sailed from her home port, San Francisco, on Nov. 22 and followed the usual route here via Hawaii and Far Eastern ports.

Passengers on board the vessel were lavish in their praise of the many comforts provided on board and the President Jackson herself made an imposing sight in grey as she lay at the Kowloon Wharves throughout yesterday.

ON HER MAIDEN TRIP, THE PRESIDENT JACKSON INCLUDED IN HER GUEST LIST A NUMBER OF PROMINENT PERSONALITIES. She is commanded by Captain Hawkins, who is very popular with all departments of the ship's staff.

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THE PASSENGERS

Among the many prominent personalities on board were: Mr. N. F. Allman, partner of Allman Davies, Law Firm of Shanghai on a business trip to Hongkong.

Mr. C. S. Franklin, prominent Lawyer and Senior Partner of Franklin and Harrington, Shanghai Law Firm. Mr. Franklin was formerly Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, and is accompanied by his wife.

Miss Juanita Griffin, Secretary at the U.S. Treasury Attaché's Office, travelling back to her post after visiting Shanghai.

Mr. Kwan Chun Hsu, General Manager of the New Asiatic Chemical Works, Ltd., with offices in Shanghai and Hongkong, returning to the Colony.

Mr. Geo. D. Lamont, U.S. Consul stationed at Canton, en route from Shanghai.

Mr. Alfonso G. Tavera, Colombian Consular Representative at Bagota, Colombia. He wrote a column in the local papers, and is returning from Kobe.

Mr. Albert H. Terry, Freight Representative of the American President Lines at Hongkong, returning from a vacation trip to Shanghai.

Mr. Wei Tseh-Heen, Prominent Exchange and Bullion Broker of Hongkong returning from a business trip to Shanghai.

Mr. Hin-Lun Yung, Vice-President of the American Asiatic Underwriters at Shanghai, on a visit to the Colony.

IN TRANSIT

Mr. Chas. P. Grandgerard, Far Eastern Manager for the Otis Elevator Co., en route to Manila from Tokyo on a combined business and pleasure trip.

Mrs. "Betty" Simpson, "Well known representative of the 'Ask Mr. Foster' Travel Service. She has been managing the Vancouver Branch for some time, and is now en route to Singapore from which port she will fly to India in the interests of promoting tourist travel.

Mr. E. M. Beattie, Asst. Manager for Loxley Rice & Co., Ltd., at Bangkok, Thailand, en route to his post from London.

Mr. J. W. Marsh, Managing Director of the Auto Palace Automobile Co. of Shanghai, en route to Singapore.

Mr. John Morris, United Press News Agency Manager of Shanghai, en route to Singapore. He has recently been living in Japan and covering Foreign News.

JAP. VESSEL SUNK

SHIHUNG, Dec. 15 (Central).—Many Japanese were drowned as a result of a Chinese attack on several Japanese war vessels steaming from Kowkong to Kowmoon on the night of December 9. One of the vessels was damaged and the Japanese on board were thrown into the river.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 13:—Cholera, one case; Diphtheria, one case; Enteric Fever, two cases; Measles, one case; Cerebro-Spinal Fever, one case; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 22 cases.

Mr. Marcus Ramsay, Representing the Albert Ramsay Co. of New York, Jewellers, en route to Colombo, where he has been living. Mr. Ramsay boarded the President Jackson at San Francisco.

Mr. Dirk Albe, Manager of the Netherlands Trading Society at Kobe, Japan, en route to Bombay. Mr. James R. Bell, Sales Manager for the Imperial Tobacco Co. at Calcutta, en route to his post accompanied by his wife after their recent marriage.

Dr. Vasant Ramli Khanolkar, Director of Research Laboratories at the Memorial Hospital in Bombay. Dr. Khanolkar has recently completed research work at the Hospital's New York branch and is working towards enlightenment on cancer.

Mr. Edwin P. Lancaster, Tobacco Buyer for the Indian Leaf Tobacco Co. at Calcutta, India, returning to that port after his furlough which was spent in the United States.

Mr. Rolland S. Parker, Far Eastern Representative for the Garlock Packing Company, en route to Bombay from Shanghai accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Clayton B. Thomas, District Sales Manager for the Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., en route to Bombay with Mrs. Thomas.

Miss Sybil Jason, Popular Movie Star who has appeared in a number of Hollywood pictures. She is en route to Capetown accompanied by her elder sister, Anita.

Mr. George W. Lynott, Representative of the American Bank Note Co. at Shanghai. He is accompanied by his charming wife, en route to New York via Capetown on their furlough.

Mr. U. G. Frondorf, Director of the Ault and Wiborg Co., Printing, Inks and Machinery, en route to Manila from Shanghai on a business trip.

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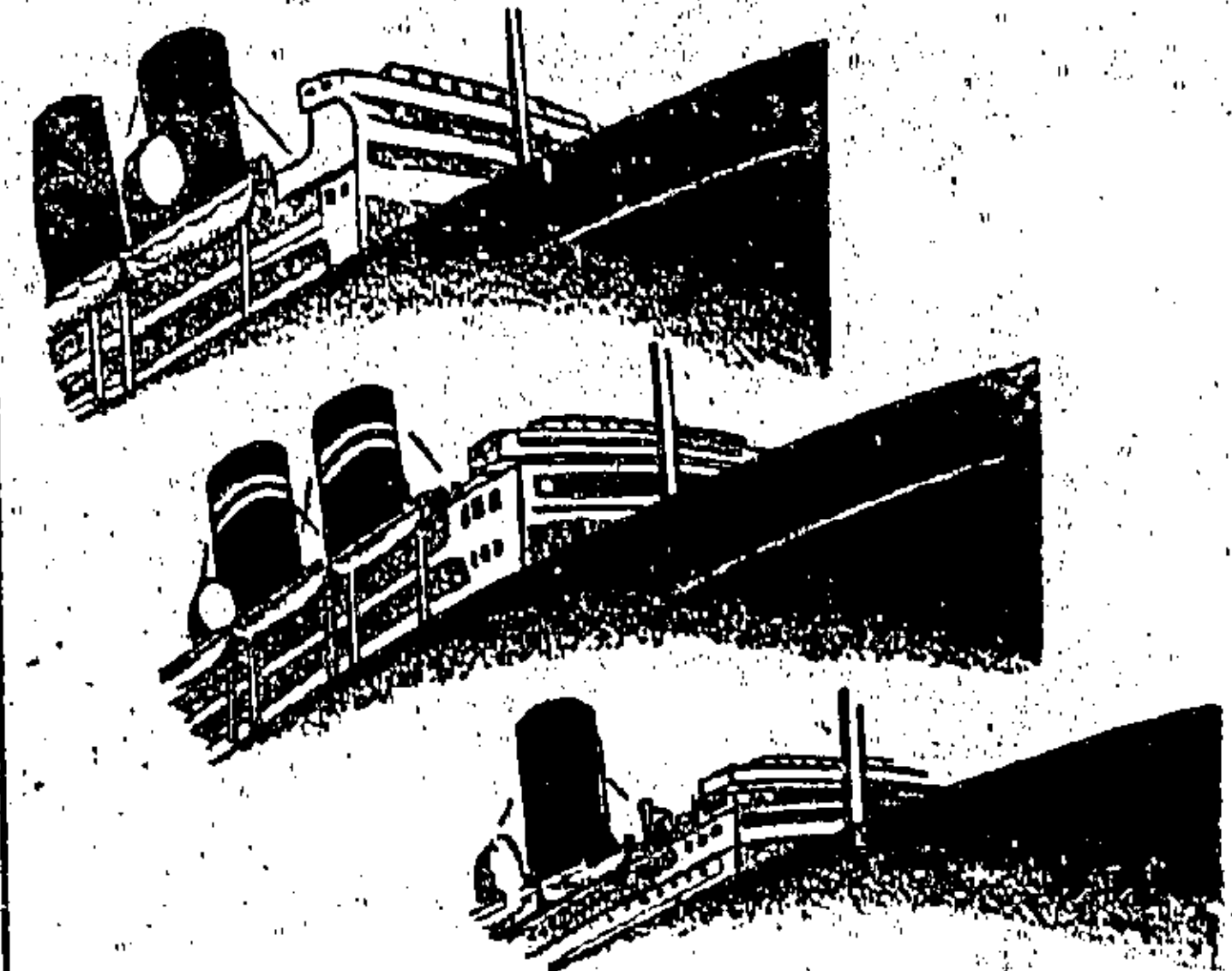
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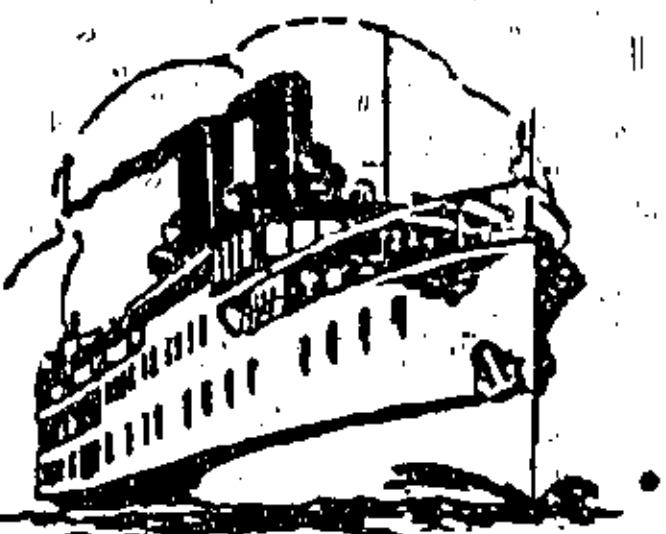
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GREEK WAR & WESTERN DESERT:

FAULTY PREPARATIONS OF ITALIANS DISCUSSED BY BRITISH STAFF OFFICER

"ALL IS WELL WITH AN ARMY THAT CAN BRING OFF SUCH A DELICATE AND BOLD OPERATION."

This passage was quoted from The Times, by a British Staff Officer, when he spoke in London yesterday on the developments of the war in Greece and the dramatic attack by the British Army of the Nile on the Italian troops in the Western Desert.

After recounting the start of the Italian attack on Greece, the speaker said that Signor Mussolini had ordered this invasion without giving his army leaders time to make their preparations.

IL DUCE TOOK A CHANCE "Without preparations, no operation can succeed," said the speaker, "but for political or party reasons, Signor Mussolini took the chance that the Greeks would not resist and taking that chance involved the lives of his troops."

The Greeks, to their unbounded credit, refused to be intimidated by this Hitler technique. They saw what had happened in Rumania and were determined that it would be better to die fighting than to submit to the sort of conditions that prevailed in Rumania ever since she placed herself in Herr Hitler's power.

"The Greeks, I might remind you, were not even mobilised when the attack was made. Those troops already on the frontier resisted where resistance was possible and were forced slowly back. They could, during this time, only speed up their mobilisation and some of the troops ordered to the front did not have time to even carry up their stores and munitions. These were carried up later, sometimes on the backs of women and old men."

"In the meantime, we did all we could to help, but this help could not possibly arrive for a few days and so the Greeks had to rely entirely on themselves at first."

ITALIAN PLAN "The Italian plan was to break through Koritsa to Salonika in one move and in another on the north by Alpine troops to separate the Greek troops in the coastal regions from the Greek armies in the north. The Alpine division, however, were thrown back in disorder and the advance on Salonika failed and very soon the Italian attack became a retreat all along the line. Indeed, except in isolated cases, it became a rout."

"Generally speaking, the Italian soldiers fought well, but they were let down by bad leadership, bad preparation and lack of food and were sacrificed to the ambitions of the Fascist Party. Now, after six weeks of fighting, the much vaunted Italian army find themselves defeated by an army they considered of no account."

The speaker went on to describe the geography of the country where the fighting is now taking place and pointed out that owing to the many difficulties now prevailing owing to the lack of roads and the heavy snow storms the

Greeks would not be able to continue their advance at the previous pace.

WESTERN DESERT He turned next to the operations in the Western Desert, where he said the picture was very different. The weather was bright and sunny, with interruptions by rain after which the desert became difficult for traffic. There were also occasional sand storms and one of these occurred during last week's battle.

After describing the geography of the country where the operations were now taking place and referring particularly to the undulations in the desert under which small bodies of troops could approach their objectives, the speaker emphasised the fact that the British troops in this theatre had been training in desert warfare for nearly one year under General Sir Nathan Wilson. It was owing to their skill, he said, that the British forces had been so successful in their patrol encounters and that they had such remarkable successes in the past week.

The speaker then went on to give a brief history of the war in this theatre.

"On Sept. 12," he said, "Marshal Graziani's forces crossed the Egyptian frontier and advanced 60 or 70 miles towards Sidi Barrani which they reached in a few days."

BRITISH POSITION "Our position in Egypt, after the French defection, became a difficult one. We could not longer count on the French army in Syria or Tunisia or on the French Fleet. Thus our army was greatly inferior to the forces of Marshal Graziani, as he was able to concentrate everything he had against us alone."

"Despite his superiority, it was not until the middle of September that he began his advance into Egyptian territory and this had given us time to get up reinforcements and supplies to Egypt."

"The Italians then dug themselves in a number of perimeter camps and these were fortified with anti-tank and anti-aircraft guns. There was good reason for the trouble the Italians took to protect these camps, because ever since the start of the war, the British mosquito forces had harassed them constantly, taking a few prisoners when opportunity offered, destroying vehicles and generally making themselves a nuisance."

"Since Sept. the Italians stayed in their perimeter camps doing nothing except building up their stores, etc., in preparation for their next advance, while our units continued to harass them."

"Suddenly, on Dec. 9, a British force appeared out of the blue and attacked the Italian camp south of Sidi Barrani. At the same time other forces attacked to the east, while armoured forces swept round south and came behind the enemy at Bug-Bug."

"It is early yet to give details of these attacks, but there is no doubt they came as a surprise to the Italians. The fact that a force of the size which launched the attack could have advanced as they did, shows that the plans were carried out with great skill and now within three days, Sidi Barrani has been captured."

"Sidi Barrani is not largely important. It consists of a few mud huts, but it stands on the one and only road to Dabruq and it was also the headquarters of the Italians in that area."

"It is too early yet to say how far this advance will go on, but our forces are still advancing westwards. News, however, is likely to be meagre while these operations are still in progress. The Italian forces in this region, consisting of about two or three divisions have been dispersed or captured and a large quantity of war material is in our hands. The latest reports show that they have captured a large number of prisoners, including a corps commander and several Italian generals."

"In the words of Friday's Times: 'All is well with an army that can bring off such a delicate and bold operation,' concluded the speaker."

QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Navy completed the first round of the Quadrangular Rugby Tournament on Saturday when, with a surprise win over Army by a goal and two tries (11 points) to a try (three points), they climbed to the top of the table.

Navy opened the scoring when Paul, securing the ball just about the line, made a touch down which he himself easily converted to give Navy the lead. This lead was increased by Poole who crossed the line far out for an unconverted try.

ARMY SCORES At the resumption Army started with a rush but this was soon checked by Navy. Following a scrum about 10 yards from the Army line Rutherford scored a try but Paul failed with the kick. After hammering away at the Navy defence for some time Army was finally awarded when Gilham scrambled over close in for an unconverted try.

CLUB SWAMPED POLICE At Boundary Street Police was swamped by Club and lost by six goals and two tries (38 points) to a goal and a penalty try (8 points), after leading by 18 clear points at the interval.

Tries were scored by Day (three), Thomson (three), Carruthers and Bosanquet. Aikenhead converted three of the tries, Taylor two and Redman one.

The points for Police were scored by Dempsey whose try was converted by Wall.

FRIENDLY GAME

Owing to the inability of Club "A" to raise a team against Royal Scots a Rest of the Colony XV took the field and, after a scrappy encounter, Rest won by two goals and a try (13 points) to a dropped goal and a try (7 points).

FINE BATTING BY RICHARDSON, LEE

Saturday's Cricket

A great innings of 87, scored out of 117, by J. E. Richardson, Inter-Port and Civil Service batsman, in the match against Indian R.C. at Sookunpoo, was the outstanding feature of an otherwise low-scoring programme of friendly cricket matches on Saturday.

The next highest score, 59 runs, went to the bat of A. T. Lee, playing for Kowloon C.C.

The hat-trick was performed by Aziz Ahmed (University) who returned the final figures of 2-0-5-3.

BIG VICTORY FOR K.C.C. At Cox's Road K.C.C. "A" beat Craigengower "A" by 88 runs.

K.C.C. 130 (A. T. Lee 59 not out; Billmorris 5 for 71 Souza 3 for 18).

C.C.C. 42 (A. B. Hanson 12; G. Souza 10; Lloyd 6 for 5. E. F. Fincher 3 for 2).

DRAWN GAME At Sookunpoo Indian R.C. drew with Civil Service C.C.

C.S.C.C. 185 for 7 decd. (J. E. Richardson 87, K. J. Attwell 42, D. J. Hollidge 33; Minu 4 for 72).

I.R.C. 89 for 7 (A. H. Rumjahn 32; Perry 3 for 35, Richardson 2 for 3).

INTRA-CLUB MATCH At King's Park Recreation Volunteers drew with Rest of the Club.

Volunteers 111 (E. L. Gosano 31, H. A. Barros 21; M. A. Remedios 3 for 6, J. M. Gosano 2 for 18).

Non-Volunteers 100 for 7 (M. A. Remedios 25, L. G. Gosano 24, G. N. Gosano 22; Prata 3 for 10, E. L. Ozorio 2 for 54).

WIN FOR POLICE At Pokfulam Police R.C. beat University by six wickets.

University 108 (L. H. Tan 29; Pope 6 for 22).

Police R.C. 159 (A. R. Palling 31, J. Hayward 27, C. Pope 27; Ahmed 3 for 5).

INDIANS NARROW WIN At the Valley Civil Service juniors lost to Indian R.C. juniors by eight runs.

I.R.C. 84 (A. R. Sufian 34; Stone 4 for 29, 3 for 25).

C.S.C.C. 76 (A. Watson 25; Rumjahn 3 for 12, Singh 3 for 24).

SCHOOLBOYS DEFEATED At the Central British School ground the Diocesan Boys' School lost to Royal Army Pay Corps by 24 runs.

R.A.P.C. 84 (Stoner 25, Dixon 24; Hulise 4 for 15, Ibrahim 4 for 50).

D.B.S. 60 (A. J. Hulise 15, J. L. Youngs 12; Dixon 5 for 20, Ingley 4 for 33).

CLUB WON BY A SINGLE At Chater Road Hongkong Cricket Club beat Royal Engineers by one wicket in an exciting finish.

R.E. 164 for 6 decd. (Capt. Dewar 67, Sgt. Troop 63).

H.K.C.C. 165 for 6 (Capt. Dewar 61, C.W.E. Bishop 40; Denyer 5 for 55).

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FRIDAY	
Sandakan	Fri. 27th
8.30 AM	
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SATURDAY	
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta	Sat. 28th
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MONDAY	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, and South Africa via Durban.	Mon. 30th
2.30 PM	

WANG'S TROOPS MUTINY

Reports from Moscow state that Chinese soldiers have mutinied and gone over to the Japanese side. According to Japanese reports, Wang Ching-wei, Wang is to change his Foreign Three regiments are said to Minister, states a London message.

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